President Robert Mugabe's Resignation Letter

The Honourable Jacob Mudenda

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE IN TERMS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 96(1) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF ZIMBABWE AMMENDMENT (NO. 20) 2013.

Following my verbal communication with the Speaker of the National Assembly Advocate Jacob Mudenda at 13:53 HRS, 21st November 2017, intimating my intention to resign as the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe,

I Robert Gabriel Mugabe, in terms of section 96 (1) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe hereby formally tender my resignation as the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe with immediate effect.

My decision to resign is voluntary on my part and arises from my concern for the welfare of the People of Zimbabwe and my desire to ensure a smooth, peaceful and non-violent transfer of power that underpins national security, peace and stability.

Kindly give public notice of my resignation as soon as possible as required by section 96 (1) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe."

ROBERT GABRIEL MUGABE

President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Section 96(1)

Section 96(1) which deals with Resignation of President or Vice President stipulates that,

"The President may resign his or her office by written notice to the Speaker who must give public notice of the resignation as soon as it is possible to do so and in any event within twenty-four hours."

"In terms of the Constitution it beholds the Speaker of the National Assembly to make sure that the proper legal processes are put in place so that the country can proceed forward with a President in place and this would be done by not later than end of day tomorrow (today),"