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The people of Zambia spoke: it wants a new constitution before presidential and parliamentary elections of 2011.

Bearing in mind that the Catholic tradition sees the participation in the political process as a moral duty the Catholic bishops gathered in the meeting of their enlarged Council, note with deep regret, the impasse surrounding the process to provide the country with a new Constitution.

The bishops emphasize the need for a new Constitution as "43 years after independence, the country urgently needs an inclusive constitution that allows our people to meet the many challenges we face as a nation. Even more than before, Zambia needs a constitution that do take off the positive transformation of the country. "

The document also underlines the efforts of the Catholic Church to help the nation to adopt a new fundamental charter: "Over the years, as Catholic Bishops, we heard the cries of our people, we even sent written reports to the various Committees for the constitutional review have participated in various discussion forums constitutional scholars invited our ability to unravel the difficulties that impede the path towards a new constitution. " Based on the experience gained, the bishops have reached the following conclusions: first, "the people spoke loudly and clearly that wants a new constitution and an amendment to the existing" second "is Clearly, for the good of the nation, the issue of constitutional and electoral law that must be resolved well before the presidential and parliamentary elections of 2011 "third," our country is slowing its growth due to continued debate on the Constitution " .

Stressing the need to accelerate the process of constitutional reform involving the whole society of Zambia, the document concludes: "As Catholic bishops, together with the Church and the entire national, we are ready to give full support to this approach, because anything other than this will only lead to further tension and an increase of division and confrontation in the country. Our people deserves better. "