



## **ZGC'S PRESS STATEMENT ON ALLEGATIONS THAT WALTER MAGAYA IS PAYING THE COMMISSION TO COMPROMISE INVESTIGATIONS.**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2019, the Zimbabwe Gender Commission (ZGC) published a notice, in the Government Gazette, to investigate cases of sexual harassment allegedly committed by Mr Walter Magaya of Prophetic Healing and Deliverance Ministries (PHD).

The Commission notes with great concern that after the notice, there has been attempts to discredit ZGC in the face of its investigations into the cases of sexual harassment allegedly committed by Mr Magaya. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of August in particular, the ZimEye's twitter handle ran with a headline which alleged that, "*CIO reveals Walter Magaya is secretly paying the Gender Commission bribes to escape police charges.*" The malicious headline is also read together with an opinion article, carried by ZimEye on the same day, running under the headline, "Will Magaya pay the entire Gender Commission?"

The Commission is deeply concerned with such malicious stories which do not only tarnish the reputation of ZGC but also has the potential to negatively affect the Commission's investigations in question. As such, ZGC would like to unreservedly dismiss the tweet and the online article by ZimEye with the contempt that they both deserve.

In the face of these heinous allegations and insinuations, the Commission would like to assure the nation, respondents and all our stakeholders that ZGC will never ever compromise any of its cases let alone its image by way of accepting bribes or partaking in any corrupt activity.

In the discharge of our mandate as a Commission, we are guided by the Constitution, Zimbabwe Gender Commission Act [10:31] and all the principles of professionalism. And the same principles will apply as the Commission investigates the cases of alleged sexual harassment against Walter Magaya.

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