

# Press Statement

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Following what has come out in the media this week, we, the Zambia Episcopal Conference (ZEC); wish to reiterate what we said in November 2006 that former Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo still stands excommunicated from the Catholic Church.

We therefore repeat our advice to the Catholic faithful to be aware that if the former Archbishop is holding any religious functions, then those ceremonies are being done outside the Catholic Church.

Even if signs and symbols, as well as attire being used during the services resemble those of the Catholic Church, the services conducted are not part of the Catholic Church.

We however note that the former Archbishop is a Zambian who is free to come home and do what he pleases.

Finally, the Catholic Church has a Divine right to legislate on matters concerning its own internal life.

Signed:

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