### THE ZANZIBAR TAX APPEALS ACT NO. 1 OF 2006

(PRINCIPAL LEGISLATION)

(THE COMPILATION OF 2021)

(This Compilation of the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Act No. 1 of 2006, incorporates and consolidates all amendments made to the Act since its commencement up to June, 2021. This Compilation is made only for easy reference of the Act and it shall not be used as an authority in any legal proceedings)

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### **ACT NO.1 OF 2006**

#### I ASSENT

# { AMANI ABEID KARUME } PRESIDENT OF ZANZIBAR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL

17<sup>th</sup> February, 2006

# AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TAX APPEALS BOARD AND THE TAX APPEALS TRIBUNAL AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

**ENACTED** by the House of Representatives of Zanzibar.

Amended by Act No.:

10 of 2013 3 of 2014 1 of 2016 9 of 2018

### **PART I**

#### PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Short title and commencement.

1. Act may be cited as the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Act. 2006 and shall come into operation on the date on which the Minister may, by order

in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Application.

2. This Act shall apply to all tax laws administered by the Zanzibar

Revenue Board and the Tanzania Revenue Authority in Zanzibar.

Interpretation.

3.In this Act unless the context requires otherwise:-

"assessment" means any assessment or additional assessment made under any Tax Law applicable in Zanzibar;

"appellant" means any person who lodges an appeal before the Board or the Tribunal;

"Board" means the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Board established under section 4(1) of this Act;

"Commissioner" means:

- (a) the Commissioner appointed under Section 14 of the Zanzibar Revenue Board Act, No. 7 of 1996 and includes any person acting on his behalf;
- (b) when the law in question is governed by Tanzania Revenue Authority "Commissioner" shall mean the Commissioner General appointed under section 15 of the Tanzania Revenue Authority Act No. 11 of 1995 and includes any person appointed as Commissioner in respect of any tax;
- "Court of Appeal" means the Court of Appeal established by Article 117(1) of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania of 1977;
- "Disputed tax" means a tax whereby the parties involved after regarding the truth or validity of that tax are in serious disagreement.
- "documents" includes media and all forms and devices of storage of information;
- "High Court" means the High Court of Zanzibar.
- "Member" in respect of members of the Board, or the Tribunal means the Chairman and other members appointed under sections 4 and 9 of this Act;
- "Minister" means the Minister for the time being responsible for finance;
- "Objection decision" means a final decision made by the Commissioner in the determination of an objection in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Administration and Procedures Act.
- "Party" means a person or his duly authorized agent who refers a matter or dispute to the Board or lodges an appeal in the Tribunal, appellant, plaintiff and includes the Commissioner or a person authorized on that behalf;
- "President" means the President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council;
- "Register" means the Register kept by the Registrar into which all complaints are entered;

"Registrar" means the Registrar of the Tax Appeals Tribunal and Tax Appeals Board appointed under section 14 of this Act;

"Tax" includes taxes, duties, rates, levies, charges, fees, fines, penalties or other impositions;

"Tax laws" means all tax laws set out in the Zanzibar Revenue Board Act No. 7 of 1996, and all tax laws set out in the Tanzania Revenue Authority Act No.11 of 1995 administered by the Tanzania Revenue Authority in Zanzibar.

"Tribunal" means the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Tribunal established under section 9(1) of this Act.

"Undisputed tax" means a tax whereby the parties involved agreed after regarding the truth or validity of that tax.

"United Republic" means the United Republic of Tanzania.

### **PART II**

### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZANZIBAR TAX APPEALS BOARD

Establishment and composition of the Board.

- 4. -(1) There is hereby established a Board to be known as the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Board.
  - (2) The Board shall consist of:-
    - (a) a Chairperson who shall be appointed by the Minister after consultation with the Chief Justice;
    - (b) Vice- Chairperson who shall be appointed by the Minister
    - (c) four other members who shall be appointed by the Minister.

Amended by Act No. 3 of 2014 section 27.

(3) At any meeting of the Board, three members shall constitute a quorum. Provided that no meeting shall be held in the absence of a chairperson or Vice Chair person.

Amended by Act No. 3 of 2014 section 27.

- (4) A person is not qualified to be appointed:
  - (a) a Chairperson unless he is a Regional Magistrate with five years standings;
  - (b) the Vice Chairperson unless he is a legal officer with experience of seven years in the field and enrolled as advocate of the High court or any person with a

Amended by Act

No. 3 of 2014 section 27

knowledge in taxation and experience for ten years

- (c) a Member of the Board unless he has experience in, taxation, legal, commercial or financial matters.
- (5) A person may only be appointed as a member or Vice Chair person of the Board if he:
  - (a) is of good moral character and proven integrity; and
  - (b) has not been convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude or corruption.
- (6) Notwithstanding the provision of this section the following persons shall not qualify to be members or Vice Chairperson of the Board:-
  - (i) Members of the House of Representatives;

Amended by Act No. 3 of 2014 section 27

- (ii) Members of the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania or of the East African Parliament;
- (iii) Any other person whose appointment may cause conflict of interest.
- (7) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board may co-opt any person to participate in its deliberations, but the person so co-opted shall have no right to vote.

Jurisdiction of the Board.

5. Subject to the provisions of section 17 of this Act, the Board shall have sole original jurisdiction in all proceedings of civil nature:-

Amended by Act No. 3 of 2014 section 28.

- (a) to hear and determine any dispute referred to it under the provisions of this Act arising from the tax laws administered by the Zanzibar Revenue Board and the Tanzania Revenue Authority;
- (b) to exercise such other functions and powers as are conferred upon it by this Act or as may be conferred upon it by any written law.

Powers of the Board.

- 6. -(1) The Board shall have the powers:-
  - (a) to take evidence on oath;
  - (b) to resolve any complaint by mediation, conciliation or arbitration;
  - (c) to issue warrants of arrest for failure to comply with summons;

- (d) to order payment of costs in relation to any matter referred to the Board;
- (e) to dismiss any matter before it;
- (f) to adjourn the hearing of any proceedings before it.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section the Board shall have the powers to summon and hear any witness and receive evidence in the manner and to the same extent as if it were a court exercising civil jurisdiction in a civil case and the provisions of the Civil Procedure Decree relating to summoning of witnesses, the taking of testimony on oath, and non-compliance with a witness summons shall apply in relation to any matter before the Board.

Tenure of office of the Members.

- 7. -(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section and section 8(2) of this Act, the office of Chairperson, and member of the Board shall become vacant upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:-
  - (a) death;
  - (b) resignation;
  - (c) conviction of an offence against section 24(3) of this Act;
  - (d) cessation to practice on disciplinary grounds confirmed by anybody authorized by law to take disciplinary measures against a person possessing qualification in relation to which such a member was qualified to be appointed as such;
  - (e) Absence without a reasonable cause from three consecutive sessions of the Board.
  - (2) The Chairperson or a member of the Board shall, unless his appointment is sooner terminated, hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one additional term.

Removal and resignation of Members.

8.- (1) A member of the Board may resign his office by notice in writing delivered to the Minister.

Inserted by Act No. 10 of 2013, s. 29.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub section (1) of this section the Minister may remove any member from office only for:-

Amended by Act No. 12 of 2020, s. 15

(b) misbehavior or misconduct; or

infirmity of body or mind; or

Inserted by Act No. 10 of 2013, s. 29.

(c) incompetence; or

(a)

(d) being an un discharged bankrupt.

### **PART III**

### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZANZIBAR TAX APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Establishment and composition of the Tribunal.

9.-(1) There is hereby established a Tribunal to be known as the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Tribunal.

- (2) The Tribunal shall consist of:
  - (a) a Chairperson who shall be appointed by the President after consultation with the Chief Justice;

inability to perform the function of his office arising from

- (b) four other members who shall be appointed by the Minister;
- (3) At any meeting of the Tribunal, three members shall constitute a quorum: Provided that no meeting shall be held in the absence of the Chairperson.
- (4) A person is not qualified to be appointed:
  - (a) a Chairperson unless he is a judge of the High Court or is qualified for the appointment of a judge of the High Court;
  - (b) a Member of the Tribunal unless he has knowledge of, and experience in, taxation, legal, commercial or financial matters.
- (5) A person may only be appointed as a member of the Tribunal if he:
  - (a) is of high moral character and proven integrity; and
  - (b) has not been convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude or corruption.
- (6) Notwithstanding the provision of this section the following persons shall not qualify to be members of the Tribunal:-

- (i) Members of the House of Representatives;
- (ii) Members of the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania or of the East African Parliament;
- (iii) Any other person whose appointment may cause serious conflict of interest.
- (7) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Tribunal may co-opt any person to participate in its deliberations, but the person so co-opted shall have no right to vote.

Jurisdiction of the Tribunal.

- 10. -(1) The Tribunal shall have sole jurisdiction in all appeals arising from decision of the Board on disputes on which original jurisdiction is conferred on the Board.
  - (8) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1) of this section the Tribunal shall exercise general powers of supervision over the Board in the exercise of its powers under this Act and may in that respect, call for and inspect the records of any proceedings before the Board and may revise any decision thereof.

Powers of the 11.-(1) The Tribunal shall have the powers: Tribunal.

- (a) to take evidence on oath;
- (b)to resolve any appeal by mediation, conciliation or arbitration:
- (c) to issue warrants of arrest for failure to comply with summons;
- (d)to order payment of costs in relation to any matter referred to the Tribunal;
- (e) to dismiss any matter before it;
- (f) to adjourn the hearing of any proceedings before it.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), of this section the Tribunal shall have the powers to summon and hear any witness and receive evidence in the manner and to the same extent as if it were a court exercising civil jurisdiction in a civil case and the provisions of the Civil Procedure Decree relating to summoning of witnesses, the taking of testimony on oath, and non-compliance with a witness summons shall apply in relation to an appeal before the Tribunal but the Tribunal may not admit any fresh

evidence save in the circumstance in which the High Court may admit fresh evidence on a first appeal in a civil case.

Tenure of office of the Members.

12.-(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section and section 13(2) of this Act, the office of a Chairperson and Member of the Tribunal shall become vacant upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:-

- (a) death;
- (b) resignation;
- (c) conviction of an offence against section 24(3) of this Act.
- (d) cessation to practice on disciplinary grounds confirmed by anybody authorized by law to take disciplinary measures against a person possessing qualification in relation to which such a member was qualified to be appointed as such;
- (e) absence without a reasonable cause from three consecutive sessions of the Tribunal.
- (2) The Chairperson or a member of the Tribunal shall, unless his appointment is sooner terminated, hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one additional term.

Removal resignation Member.

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13. - (1) A member of the Tribunal may resign his office by notice in writing delivered to the Minister.

- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section a member may be removed from office only for:-
  - (a) inability to perform the function of his office arising from infirmity of body or mind; or
  - (b) misbehavior or misconduct; or
  - (c) incompetence; or
  - (d) being an un discharged bankrupt.

#### **PART IV**

### MANAGEMENT OF THE TRIBUNAL AND THE BOARD

Registrar of the Tribunal.

14. -(1) The Chief Justice shall, in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission, appoint a Registrar and Deputy Registrar of the Tribunal and the Board.

Amended by Act No. 1 of 2016 section 17.

- (2) The Registrar shall perform all administrative functions as provided for under this Act.
  - (3) The Chairperson of the Board or Tribunal may assign duties and confer powers on person appointed as Registrar as he thinks fit and the Registrar shall have the power so conferred.

Staff of the Tribunal.

Amended by Act No. 3 of 2014 section 29. 15. There shall be such staff of the Tribunal and the Board who shall be officer in the judiciary service and shall be therefore under the general supervision of the Registrar of the High Court and Judicial Service Commission.

16. Repealed by Act No.12 of 2020

17. Repealed by Act No.12 of 2020

18. Repealed by Act No.12 of 2020

19. Repealed by Act No.12 of 2020

### **PART V**

### APPEALS GENERALLY

Right of appeal to the Board and Tribunal.

Amended by Act No. 12 of 2020 s.17 20. -(1) A person who is aggrieved by the objection decision made by the Commissioner or refusal of the Commissioner to admit a notice of objection may appeal to the Board against the objection decision or refusal, provided that, the person shall not appeal against the objection decision relating to assessment where the Commissioner decides to amend the assessment in accordance with the objection.

- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, an appeal against the refusal of the Commissioner to admit a notice of objection, relating to assessment shall not be entertained unless the taxable person has paid the amount which is not in dispute or one third of the tax assessed whichever is greater.
- (3) The Board shall not entertain an appeal pursuant to this section unless:
  - (a) the appellant had previously given notice writing to the

Commissioner and the Board within fourteen days after the date of service upon him of the objection decision; and

- (b) the appeal is lodged with the Board within thirty days from the date of service upon the appellant of the objection decision.
- (4) A party which is aggrieved by the decision of the Board on appeal referred in accordance with subsection (2) of this section may appeal against the decision of the Board to the Tribunal within thirty days from the date on which the decision in respect of which he is aggrieved was made and shall serve notice to the opposite party within fifteen days following the date on which the notice of appeal was served to the Tribunal.
- (5) A party to an appeal or a person intending to appeal who has failed to give notice of appeal within the period specified in this section, may apply to the Board or Tribunal, as the case may be, for extension of the time within which to give the notice of appeal and the Board or Tribunal may, on being satisfied that the failure to give notice of appeal was occasioned by absence from Zanzibar, sickness or other reasonable cause, subject to such terms and conditions as to costs as it may consider just and appropriate, grant the extension.

#### **PART VI**

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD AND TRIBUNAL

Procedure hearing.

- n 21. (1) Proceedings of the Board and Tribunal shall be of judicial nature and shall be conducted on such occasions and at the places as the Chairperson may direct.
  - (2) In every proceedings before the Board and before the Tribunal:-
  - (a) the appellant shall appear either in person or by his duly authorized agent on the day and at the time fixed for the hearing of the appeal but:-
    - (i) if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Board or Tribunal, as the case may be, that owing to absence of the appellant from Zanzibar, or due to sickness or any other reasonable cause, he is prevented from attending;

- (ii) or if it is caused not to be;
- (iii) represented at the hearing of the appeal on the date and the time fixed for hearing;

the Board or the Tribunal, as the case may be, may adjourn the hearing of the appeal for such reasonable time as it may think appropriate;

- (b) the onus of proving that the assessment or decision in respect of which an appeal is referred is excessive or erroneous shall be on the appellant;
- (c) the appellate authority may confirm, reduce, increase or annul the assessment concerned or make such other order thereon as it may think fit;
- (d) the costs of the appeal shall be in the discretion of the appellate authority;
- (e) the appellate authority shall, within fifteen days of its decision, cause a notice of such decision and of the date thereof to be issued and such notice shall be served on the parties to the appeal;
- (f) where the decision of the appellate authority results in any amendment to an assessment, the assessment shall be amended accordingly and the Commissioner shall cause a notice setting out such amendment and the amount of tax payable to be served on the person assessed.

Discretion of Board or Tribunal on Procedure.

21A. (1) In any proceeding before the Board or Tribunal, the procedure

of the Board or Tribunal shall, subject to this Act and Rules made under this Act, be with the discretion of the Board or Tribunal as the case may be.

- (2) A proceeding before the Board or Tribunal shall be conducted with a little formality and technicality as possible, and the Board or Tribunal shall not be bound by rules of evidence but may inform itself on any matter in such manner as it thinks appropriate.
- (3) Where the Act and Rules made under this Act are silent in relation to any particular practice or procedure, the proceedings of the Board or Tribunal shall be conducted in accordance with such rules of practice and procedure as the

### Board or Tribunal may specify.

Appeals affecting two or more persons.

- 22. Where any appeal is lodged under this Part against any decision or act of the Commissioner which affects, or is likely to affect, the liability of two or more persons, then:-
  - (a) a person lodging an appeal shall serve a copy of all the appeal documents on all other such persons who shall be entitled to appear on the hearing of the appeal as if they were parties thereto;
  - (b) if the Board considers that any other person be joined, it may order that a copy of all the appeal documents shall be served on such other person who shall be entitled to appear on the hearing of the appeal as if he were a party thereto.

Opinion members.

of 23. For the purposes of determining any matter, the Chairperson shall not be bound by the opinion of any member but shall if he disagrees with the opinion of any member, record the opinion of such member or members differing with him and reasons for his disagreement.

Disclosure interest.

- 24. (1) Where a member present at a sitting of the Board or the Tribunal at which any matter in which he is directly or indirectly interested in a private capacity that member shall as soon as is practicable, after or before the commencement of the proceedings of the Board or the Tribunal, disclose that interest and shall not, unless the Board or the Tribunal otherwise direct, take part in the determination of the appeal or give an opinion on any question relating to that matter.
  - (2) A disclosure of interest made by a member shall be recorded as part of the proceedings in relation to the matter under determination.
  - (3) A member who sits and takes part in the proceedings of the Board or the Tribunal in contravention of subsection (1) of this section commits an offence against this Act.

Hearing.

- 25. (1) The Registrar shall advise all parties in writing of the time and place of the hearing and shall give the parties not less than fourteen days notice.
  - (2) A hearing of appeal shall be in public unless a party to the proceedings otherwise applies and the Board or the Tribunal

directs that the proceedings or part of it be heard in camera.

- (3) Parties may appear in person at a hearing or be represented by any other person duly authorized by the party.
- (4) If a party to the proceedings or a person duly appointed by him fails to appear at the hearing the Board or the Tribunal shall consider the appeal in the manner it thinks fit.
- (5) Evidence before the Board and the Tribunal may be given orally or through affidavits or in such other manner as the Board or the Tribunal may deem fit.

Witnesses.

26. The Board or the Tribunal may call any person to attend at a hearing and give evidence including the production of any document if the Board or the Tribunal believes such evidence will assist in its deliberations.

Enforcement of the decisions of the Board or Tribunal.

Amended by Act
No. 3 of 2021 section 17.

- 27. (1) The Board or Tribunal shall, as the case may be, after conclusion of hearing of the tax dispute deliver its decisions in writing within sixty (60) days.
  - (2) The Registrar shall serve to all parties to the proceedings within fourteen days copies of all decisions duly endorsed and the date of issue marked on.
    - (4) Any decree or order of the Board or the Tribunal given in the exercise of its jurisdiction under this Act shall be enforceable and executed as if it were decree or order issued by a court of law.

Appeal to the Court of Appeal.

- 28. (1) Any person who is aggrieved by the decision of the Tribunal may prefer an appeal to the Court of Appeal of the United Republic of Tanzania established under Act. No. 15 of 1979.
  - (2) Any Appeal to the Court of Appeal shall lie on matters involving questions of law only and the provisions of the Appellate Jurisdiction Act. 1979 and the rules made thereunder shall apply mutatis mutandis to appeals from the decision of the Tribunal.

Costs.

29. (1) The Board or the Tribunal may issue an order to award costs as it considers appropriate to any party to the proceedings to be paid by the other party within such period as the Board or the Tribunal

may determine.

(2) The Registrar shall, in addition to the functions conferred upon him under this Act, determine the tax in relation to any costs, which may be payable in respect of which proceedings have been conducted by the Board or the Tribunal.

### **PART VII**

### **OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

Offences and penalties.

- 30. (1) Any person who:-
  - (a) being summoned to produce any document, book or paper which is in his possession or under his control, without reasonable excuse, fails or refuses to produce it;
  - (b) makes any statement which he knows to be false or which he has no reason to believe to be true;
  - (c) omits or suppresses any information required by the Board or the Tribunal in the exercise of its jurisdiction or relevant to the exercise of such jurisdiction; or
  - (d) in any manner misleads, obstructs, insults or disturbs the Board or the Tribunal;
  - (e) sits and takes part in the proceedings of the Board or Tribunal contrary to section 24 (3) of this Act;

commits an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding the equivalent of Two Thousand US Dollars in Shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

- (2) Any person required to attend the proceedings pursuant to the provisions of this Act and fails without reasonable excuse to attend or fails to take an oath or make affirmation as required by the Board or the Tribunal commits an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding the equivalent of Five Hundred US Dollars in Shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.
- (3) A member of the Board or the Tribunal who is convicted under subsection (1) of this section shall, in addition to the sentence which may be imposed by the court, be disqualified from being a

member of the Board or the Tribunal as the case may be.

#### **PART VII**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Indemnity.

31. No act done or omitted to be done by the Board or the Tribunal, the Registrar or any other person empowered to perform any function under this Act shall, if done or omitted to be done in good faith during or in the exercise or performance of any function provided under this Act, render any member of the Board or the Tribunal, or the Registrar or such any other person personally liable.

Seal.

- 32. (1) The Board and the Tribunal shall each have a seal to be kept under the custody of the Registrar.
  - (2) The affixing of the Seal of the Board or Tribunal on any document shall be authenticated by the signature of either the Chairperson or Registrar, as the case may be.
  - (3) A document purporting to be an instrument issued by the Board or the Tribunal and authenticated in the manner prescribed under subsection (2) of this section shall be deemed to be a valid instrument and admissible in evidence.

Chief Justice may make rules.

33. The Chief Justice may, in consultation with the Minister, make rules generally laying down proceedings by the Board or the Tribunal and the manner in which appeals from the Tribunal may be lodged to the Court of Appeal.

Savings.

34. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as derogating the powers of any court in which any matter which was filed in before the commencement of business by the Board or the Tribunal and which remain pending before such court but which the Board or the Tribunal has jurisdiction to entertain from continuing, concluding and finally making decision and necessary order on it.

#### **PART IX**

### **CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS**

Amendment of the VAT Act No. 4, of 1998.

35. The Value Added Tax Act, 1998 is amended by repealing Part X.

Amendment of the Hotel Levy Act No. 1 of 1995.

36. The Hotel Levy Act, 1995 is amended.

- (a) In Section 11:-
  - (i) In subsection (1) by deleting the phrase "he may make an appeal before the Minister in the prescribed manner" and substituting for the phrase "he may lodge an appeal with the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Board".
  - (ii) By deleting subsection (2) thereof.
  - (iii) By deleting the side note to that section and substituting for it the following "Appeal to the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Board".
- (b) In Section 12 by deleting the phrase "by an order of the Minister or an authorized officer" and substituting for it the phrase "by an order of the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Board".
- (c) In Section 13 by deleting the phrase "file in a court having jurisdiction over the area in which the Hotel, Guest House or Restaurant is situated" and substituting for it the phrase "lodge an appeal with the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Board".
- (d) By deleting subsections (3)(a), (3)(b) and subsection (4) thereof.
- 37. The Port Service Charge Act, 1999 is amended:

Amendment of the Port Service Charge Act No. 2 of 1999.

- (a) In subsection 17:
  - (i) In subsection (1) by deleting the phrase "Zanzibar Tax Appeal Board, and the Board shall hear and determine the appeal and may confirm, reverse or vary the decision of the commissioner" and substituting for it the phrase "Zanzibar Tax Appeals Board".
  - (ii) By deleting subsection (2) thereof.

Amendment of the Petroleum Levy Act, No. 7 of 2001.

- 38. The Petroleum Levy Act, 2001 is amended.
  - (a) In section 18:-
    - (i) In subsection 2(b) by deleting the phrase "file in a

court of Regional magistrate having jurisdiction over the area in which the owner resides or carries on business" and substituting for it the following phrase "file in the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Board".

- (ii) By deleting subsection 2(c) thereof.
- (iii) In subsection 2 (d) by deleting the phrase "a court of Regional magistrate" and substituting for it the phrase "the Zanzibar Tax Appeal Board".
- Amendment of the Zanzibar Revenue Board Act, No. 7 of 1996.

(b) By repealing section 19 and section 20 thereof. 39. The Zanzibar Revenue Board Act, 1996 is amended by adding immediately after section 6 the following section:

"6A. Any person who is aggrieved by the decision of the Commissioner in relation to any act or omission in the course of the discharge of any function conferred upon him under the law set out in the First Schedule to this Act, may appeal to the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Board".

Amendment of the Stamp Duty Act No. 6 of 1996.

- 40. The Stamp Duty Act 1996 is amended.
  - (a) In section 10 by deleting the phrase "it can be raised before the Designated Appellant Authority in the prescribed manner and the decision of the Appellate Authority shall be final and stamp Duty shall be chargeable in that case accordingly" and substituting for it the phrase "an appeal can be lodged with the Zanzibar Tax Appeals Board";
  - (b) In section 19 by deleting the phrase "it can be raised before the Designated Appellate Authority in the prescribed manner (form SD4) and the decision of the Appellate Authority shall be final in the matter and the stamp duty shall be chargeable in that case accordingly" and substitute for it the phrase "an appeal can be lodged with the Zanzibar Tax Appeal Board";
  - (c) In Section 27 by deleting phrase "Designated Appellate Authority in the prescribed manner. The decision of the Authority shall be final in the matter and the amount shall be payable accordingly" appearing in subsection (4) and substitute for it the following "Zanzibar Tax Appeals Board".

PASSED in the House of Representatives on the 24th day of January, 2006.

### { KHAMIS JUMA CHANDE } CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.