

MALAWI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



STATEMENT BY THE MALAWI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ON THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF MALAWI

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Thank you Mr. President.

1.0 The Malawi Human Rights Commission as a NHRI welcomes the consideration of Malawi's Universal Periodic report by the human rights council.

1.1 The Malawi Human Rights Commission, (the Commission), welcomes the adoption of Malawi's Universal Periodic Review Report by the Human Rights Council and commends the Government of Malawi for the progress the country continues to register with respect to the promotion and protection of human rights.

2.0 The Malawi Human Rights Commission notes in particular the considerable progress recorded in the promotion and protection of human rights as reflected in this Universal Periodic Review, especially in the critical areas of Gender and Women's rights , children's rights, human rights of vulnerable categories, economic, social and cultural rights and civil and political rights.

4.0 The Commission commends Government for the inclusive approach in the UPR, with respect to the participation of stakeholders and the commendable outcome of the process where the majority of recommendations that were provided have enjoyed the support of the Government.

5.0 These recommendations are significant in the protection and promotion of human rights in Malawi as they address the key human rights challenges that face the effective realisation of human rights in Malawi.

6.0 The Commission notes with concern the recommendations that have not received the support of the Malawi Government relating to the ratification of the Convention on Migrant Workers, and on the decriminalization of defamation laws, and the Commission will continue to engage Government on these issues.

7.0 The Commission is concerned with delays in implementation of some already passed pieces of legislation such as the Trafficking in Persons Bill and the provision in the Education Act on compulsory Education.

8.0 The Commission would further like to register that pursuant to its broad mandate of the promotion and protection of human rights, it will continue to play the crucial role of provision of advice and working with Government and following up with relevant duty bearers on the implementation of the UPR recommendations that enjoy the support of Government. The Commission will also disseminate and popularise, the UPR Recommendations at the District and National levels, as well as, monitor the implementation of the recommendations and will at an appropriate time submit a mid-term UPR Recommendations Implementation Report to the Human Rights Council, and ensure that the UPR Recommendations are mainstreamed into the National Action Plan on Human Rights that is being developed.

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