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General Secretary, Church and Society Nkhoma Synod

General Secretary, Church and Society Blantyre Synod

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Secretary General, The Democratic Peoples' Congress (DEPECO)

Secretary General, The Alliance for Democracy

Secretary General, The Democratic Progressive Party

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The Chairperson Nurses Organisation of Malawi

The Executive Director, Civil Society Education Coalition

The Executive Director Malawi Health Equity Network

The Executive Director Malawi Economic Justice Network

The Chairperson Human Rights Consultative Committee

Students Union of the University of Malawi

Students Union of Catholic University

Students Union of Livingstonia University

Students Union of Mzuzu University

All Patriotic and Concerned Citizens

CC: The President of the Republic of Malawi
The Vice President of Republic of Malawi
The Speaker, National Assembly
The Chief Justice
Leader of the House
The Leader of Opposition Parliament
All Political Parties in Malawi
Attorney General

Date: 20th August, 2018

CALL FOR THE ENDORSEMENT OF PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2018 TO DEMAND TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

We write to express our dissatisfaction and stand over the government's response to the 27th April demands made by the civil society organizations. We plan to hold peaceful demonstrations demanding government action over its style of handling matters of national interest. The agenda for the planned demonstrations is to hold the government accountable for failing to implement the demands petitioned to it on 27th April, 2018. The 27th April 10 point demands citizens Petition gave 90 days to President, Professor Peter Mutharika to address issues raised. The Petition also clearly indicated that failure to act on the demands would warrant another citizen protest. The attached Civil Society response and assessment of government's implementation indicates that government has only implemented 10% of demands, a situation which is regrettable and an insult to Malawians. Even more disheartening is the fact that impunity and corruption has increased.

Among the issues to be raised in the upcoming demonstration is government's failure to address worsening corruption evidenced and characterised by the famous corruption scandal involving Pioneer Investments, a deal which implicated the President in the MK145million fraudulent transaction. Secondly we have noted wanton abuse of statutory cooperation as evidenced by theft of fuel worth MK 1.9 billion at Electricity

Supply Commission of Malawi (ESCOM) under the watch of government. The development has paralysed the effectiveness and efficiency of the institution.

Among the new demands we will be making is the call for Anti-Corruption Bureau director, Renex Matemba's resignation, immediate suspension of the contract for the supply of gensets and an immediate stop of nepotism in government appointments.

It is against this background and our belief in your commitment to social accountability and Malawi's development that we are calling for your endorsement and participation in the planned peaceful demonstrations which are scheduled for **7th September, 2018** when we will peacefully express our dissatisfaction and denouncing the blatant violation of human rights that are enriched in the bill of rights.

We believe our Constitutional Right to hold government accountable through peaceful demonstrations will send a clear message on how frustrated Malawians in the manner the country is being run. We expect government to treat this call for demonstration with caution and sound mind.

For more information, refer to the attached HRDC response and assessment to government implementation of the 27th April Citizen Petition.

As a people we cannot keep quiet and watch our country being destroyed by the selfish few. We must stand up and demand high level accountability. It is our national responsibility to stand up without fear or favour and fight against all bad practices which have stalled progress and development of our beloved country. We must do this no matter how many times we are ignored until Malawi changes to the better.

Signed By:

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