



**CIVIL SOCIETY AND CITIZENS ASSESSMENT OF PRESIDENT MUTHARIKA'S
IMPLEMENTATION OF 27 APRIL 10 POINT DEMAND PETITION**

RESTORING OUR DESTINY

TO: THE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF MALAWI, HIS EXCELLENCY
PROFESSOR ARTHUR PETER MUTHARIKA – HEAD OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT

CC: THE VICE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT AND CABINET (OPC)

THE SPEAKER, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THE CHIEF JUSTICE, JUDICIARY

THE MALAWI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

THE MALAWI LAW COMMISSION

ALL POLITICAL PARTIES IN MALAWI

ALL RELIGIOUS MOTHER BODIES IN MALAWI

ALL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS IN MALAWI

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TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF 27 APRIL CSOs AND CITIZENS 10 POINT
DEMAND PETITION**

1.0. BACKGROUND

On 27 April 2018 Civil Society organisations and the citizens submitted a petition to the President of Malawi which outlined their concerns and demands in relation to the worsening state of governance. In order to ensure that the issues raised in the petition are addressed, the

CSOs and citizens pledged in the petition that they would develop a clear monitoring and evaluation framework (M&E Framework) to track the implementation of the concerns and the 10 demands. The CSOs and the citizens indicated that “at the expiry of each timeline of the 10 demands, the activists, concerned citizens and Malawians of good will shall convene to evaluate your progress on implementation of the demands and concerns, and in cases where you have not done so, the grouping shall resolve to implementing Plan B on each of the timelines to ensure that all the demands are addressed,” (27 April demo petition, p. 5).

The 27 April demo petition also pledged that after the expiry of the 90 days, the CSOs and the citizens shall reconvene to evaluate the President’s performance in relation to addressing these concerns and demands as well as the general state of governance in the current. Reads the petition:

In the event that we find your leadership lacking, untrustworthy and incompetent in addressing these challenges and demands, we the concerned citizens, activists and all Malawians of goodwill shall have no choice but to ask you to immediately step down as President of Malawi in line with the principle of social contract as ably expounded in the Constitution (Section 12[c]). (27 April demo petition, p. 6).

The review, evaluation and assessment of Mutharika’s government response is based on the following:

1. The 27 April demo 2018 petition [as the core document]
2. The observations of the trend of events since 27 April demo in terms of government’s implementation of 27 April demo 2018
3. Consultations with relevant stakeholders, experts, and citizens based on their thematic areas of interest and expertise in order to gauge if the concerns have been ably addressed. [Note: While government and other stakeholders have had the tendency of personalising the issues raised in 27 April demo petition as solely HRDC or CSOs issues or concerns, in reality these are issues concerning all Malawians]
4. Review of government’s response to the 27 April demo petition. Government released its response on 9th July 2018.
5. Observation of public reaction to government’s response through social media, print media, electronic media etc.

2.0. OUR GENERAL IMPRESSION OF GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE PETITION

Your Excellency, following your government's appalling response to the petition titled *Time To Reclaim our Destiny*, submitted to your office on 27th April, 2018, we, the undersigned members of Human Rights Defenders Coalition (HRDC), along with all Malawians of goodwill, wish to register our utmost disappointment with your government's response to the petition and the continued deteriorating state of governance in the country. Your Excellency, while we appreciate your government's efforts in responding to the concerns raised in our communiqué, we strongly feel your response falls short of offering any practical solutions to the challenges and concerns observed therein. We have a strong impression that your response was not born out of conviction but rather to merely score a political point that we have a responsive government when in actual fact your government continues to take Malawians for granted as ably reflected in the casual approach you responded to the issues raised in the petition.

3.0. OUR REACTION TO GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE CONCERNS AND DEMANDS RAISED IN THE PETITION

3.1. THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

Your Excellency, while it is undeniable that the country is besieged by corruption which continues to rob millions of our people a decent future, we are saddened by your government's lack of political will to curb this malpractice. Your insistence that your government is fighting corruption is not only untrue but also an indication of how detached you are from reality. We are concerned with the sad reality that many prominent cases bordering on corruption in your government are not being investigated and that suspected culprits are not being prosecuted.

Recently, Malawians were shocked to learn that even you, Your Excellency, were implicated in the police food ration deal involving Pioneer Investment which deposited a sum of MK145million into an account to which you are a sole signatory. While we note the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has cleared you of any wrong doing in this matter, we are not surprised with the position by the Bureau as the graft-busting body made several puzzling statements in your defence ever since the issue came into public domain. We were, for instance, puzzled by the inexplicable decision by the Bureau to invite a forensic expert to investigate the leakage of the report implicating you in the scandal even before those that were implicated were arrested. It is ironic that the Bureau which calls on people to report, resist and reject corruption wanted to punish whistle blowers of corruption instead of protecting them.

Despite the Bureau's insistence that you are innocent in this matter, we in the civil society maintain that you remain the prime suspect in this case. We find the Bureau's explanation that you did not directly benefit from the fraud wanting as you are a sole signatory to the account. Additionally, the DPP, which is said to have benefited is not a human being that can be tried but the person behind the account, which is you, should be tried by a court of law to

prove your innocence. The lack of convincing explanation from the Bureau in clearing you from this issue attests to the fact that the ACB is under the armpits of the ruling DPP.

This is why the ACB is miserably failing to investigate and conclude numerous corruption cases, some of which, involve top government officials and gross mismanagement of resources in government entities. These include the infamous tractor-gate, abuse of public resources in district councils and financial mismanagement and fraud at Electricity Supply Commission of Malawi (ESCOM)

3.2. ESCOM ABUSES AND PROLONGED BLACKOUTS

As your government continues to preach about attracting Foreign Direct Investment in the country, four years after attaining power, your administration has clearly failed to address the challenge of regular power outages. We are not convinced by your response to shift the blame on previous administration's alleged failure to invest in the energy sector. We observed, for example, tremendous improvements in the energy sector during your predecessor, Dr. Joyce Banda's term.

To add more insult to injury on this issue, your government hoodwinked Malawians into believing that your administration had a solution to the challenges through the procurement of power generators for ESCOM, only for Malawians to realise that this was another planned ploy by your government officials to siphon billions of taxpayer's money. Despite the acquisition of the so-called generators, Malawians continue to live in persistent blackouts day in and day out. Mr. President who really benefited from this deal? Again, how does ESCOM explain its recent application to Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority (MERA) to hike tariffs when there is no power?

3.3. NEPOTISM

CSOs appreciate government's attempts to collect data to dispute CSOs and citizens claims that it pursues tribalism and nepotism. However, we note with dismay that such data has just been generalised without any attempt by government to show the time-frame when the so-called Civil servants were appointed in order to make an attribution as to whether this occurred during the Peter Mutharika regime or not. Our close investigations reflect that the majority of such appointments were effected prior to Mutharika's election to power with some traced as far as the Kamuzu and Muluzi era. We are further saddened by your government's failure to differentiate tribalism from regionalism in your response to the April 2018 petition.

In our petition, we highlighted that a big majority of your appointees in senior government positions are restricted to people from your tribe. We have evidence to support this position. The table below just gives a glimpse of the extent to which you Your Excellency Sir are implementing the "Lomwelisation" project in Malawi.

No	Name, Origin and Position
1.	Francis Chinsinga – Principal Secretary of Transport and Public Works

2.	Blessings Chilabade – Principal Secretary of Civil Service Commission
3.	Joseph Mwandidya – Principal Secretary of Labour
4.	Justin Saidi – Principal Secretary of Education
5.	Erica Maganga- Principal Secretary of Information
6.	Perks Ligoya – Malawi UN Representative in New York
7.	Dr. Thomson Mpinganjira – Chairperson of ESCOM
8.	Dr. Collins Magalasi – MERA Executive Director
9.	Mavuto Bamusi – Presidential Advisor on NGOs and Civil Society
10.	Chataika CEO SMEDI
11.	Dr. Getrude Hiwa – now Solicitor General Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
12.	Grey Nyandule Phiri – Principal Secretary Ministry of Agriculture
13.	Dr Esmie Kainja – Principal Secretary Ministry of Gender
14.	Cliff Chiunda – Principal Secretary Administration
15.	Dr Ken Ndala – Principal Secretary Trade and Industry
16.	Hiralio Chimota – Principal Secretary Department of Human Resource Management and Development
17.	Rose Mbilizi – Deputy Commissioner Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA)
18.	Mercy Kanyuka – Commissioner of Statistics
19.	James Kaphale – Director of Administration and Company Secretary of ADMARC
20.	Mr. Sai Kaphale – Deputy High Commissioner Tanzania
21.	Chris Chisoni – CEO Higher Education Loans Board
22.	Lloyd Muhara – Chief Secretary to the Government
23.	Rodney Jose – The Inspector General of Police
24.	C. Chimombo – The Accountant General
25.	Levi Phelani – Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Tobacco Control Commission of Malawi
26.	Rev. Alex Maulana –Chairperson of MACRA
27.	Simbuleta – MBC Executive Director

Your attempt, Mr President, to include regions in justifying your appointments fell short of addressing the issue of nepotism which you are promoting. We now believe that you are the *Chief of Nepotism* as even the compositions of members of Boards of Directors of parastatals are dominated by your kinsmen who are contributing to the raging corruption in their institutions since they owe their positions to patronage. We are, therefore, not surprised to learn that the Public Reforms Initiative failed miserably because most of the public institutions are being run by your incompetent and corrupt people whose sole qualification for appointment was to belong to the Lomwe belt.

We also noted with sadness the desperate attempt by your administration to include public positions that have been earned on merit by people that are not from your tribe as an indication that your appointment of public officials is representative. As Human Rights defenders, we reiterate our position that Malawi belongs to every Malawian citizen regardless of where they come from. We believe everyone is entitled to enjoy all opportunities accordingly regardless of his or her political affiliation.

3.4. PROMOTING IMPUNITY

As a nation that attained independence and multiparty democracy to be free from torture and suffering, we are saddened with the perceived lack of intent to finalise investigations into the brutal murder of Issa Njaunju and Robert Chasowa and bring the suspects to book.

Your response to our petition claims that the two cases are still being investigated. We are not amused that it has taken more than five years, for example, to conclude the Robert Chasowa case despite seemingly overwhelming evidence pointing to suspects.

We are also reliably informed that government deliberately removed top Police Investigators in the Issa Njaunju murder case just when they were about to make breakthroughs into the case. We have evidence that a Mr Mathanki, Mr Chambo and Mr. Nkuka were all unceremoniously stopped from finalising their investigations on the case. We believe that this was a deliberate attempt by your administration to stop these officers from uncovering the truth on who killed Mr. Njaunju. This is why we are also not surprised to learn that your government is yet to fulfil its promise of hiring forensic investigators to work on the case.

3.5. PROTECTION OF PEOPLE WITH ALBINISM

While we appreciate the few efforts at policy level being adopted by government to address the situation of persons with Albinism, we however register our dismay over the failure by your government to arrest the abduction and killings of people with albinism in the country. While your response claims that your government is doing its best to address this challenge, recent attacks on people with albinism is a reminder that our brothers and sisters with albinism continue to live in fear.

We are disappointed that out of the 148 albino attacks related cases recorded to date, only 44 have been successfully tried and completed.

3.6. THE K4 BILLION DISBURSEMENTS

We note government's response on the K4 Billion "dubious" fund. However, it is misleading for government to claim that it respects the principles of separation of powers and that it is not in the interest of the Executive to interfere with operations of the legislature. The truth of the matter is that the entire K4 Billion was characterised by the executive's manipulation of some legislatures through either inviting them to State House or rewarding them with K4 Billion for fighting the electoral reforms. The entire K4 Billion saga and the frustration of the peoples electoral reforms only magnified the existing public perception that we have a government which is so rooted in crookedness, corruption and hence lacks integrity to government. It showed that the DPP government is there to serve its own selfish interests rather than public interest.

In addition, this response portray the picture as if the DPP government was willing to shoot down the K4 Billion "dubious" fund as well as support the electoral reforms and hence shifting the blame to Parliament. This is wrong and misleading as every Malawian knows deep down their hearts that the DPP government fought tooth and nail to see the peoples electoral reforms be defeated in order to satisfy their political gains. Moreover, the executive arm of government had all powers to move a motion in Parliament to suspend or completely cancel the K4 Billion. This was not done. To sum it all, while the disbursement of the K4 Billion was indeed legal and legitimised by Parliament, we want to remind you that the allocation originated from the Executive branch of government and the legislature was only

used to rubberstamp the decision which was aimed at buying the DPP's support from parliamentarians.

3.7. BIASNESS OF MBC AND MACRA

We are further alarmed that as the country prepares for next year's elections, your administration continues to tighten its grip on the state broadcaster which is becoming more blatant in its partisanship.

Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) continues to promote hate speech and act as a propaganda wing of the ruling party instead of serving the interests of all Malawians. We continue to press for the opening up of the airwaves to all political players and demand an immediate end of the broadcasting of propaganda.

Additionally, the Malawi Communication Regulatory Authority (MACRA) also continues to abuse the Communication Act by threatening and censoring media houses that are providing critical checks and balances to your administration while at the same time paying a blind eye to the misconduct of the state broadcaster.

We believe your promise to act on concerns over these two entities is empty since the time of your response to now, the situation at the two institutions has in fact worsened. Meanwhile, you, Mr President, have also been promoting hate speech in your rallies by threatening some members of the public using violent language. As the first citizen, we expect you to be exemplary in your speech and conduct.

3.8. PUBLIC HEALTH DELIVERY AND EDUCATION SERVICES

Your Excellency, it remains our concern that your government has been slow and non-committal in addressing the public outcry over health service delivery. Contrary to the picture painted in your government's response to our petition, evidence on the ground shows that government has neglected its responsibility in provision of medical equipment in hospitals. While a few privileged Malawians can afford to fly abroad to access quality health services, your government's failure to improve health service delivery is condemning many Malawians to needless deaths. Essential life-saving drugs and adequate doctors and nurses are perennially unavailable in our hospitals. Meanwhile, government has failed to make use of 65% vacancy gap for health personnel pressing major strain on the current limited personnel. On education, we observe that the statistics you shared in government response were manipulated portray a false state of progress while evidently education standards continue to deteriorate. As your government claimed of developing this sector, four children died after a substandard school block fell on them in Zomba while our petition was outstanding. We are also quite aware of how the University and college loan schemes have been politicised to an extent that the poor who are key beneficiaries have been neglected. In summary, the teacher-pupil ratio as well as the doctor - patient ratio in our public schools and hospitals remain very pathetic.

3.9. PROGRESS ON YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

In a country whose majority citizens are youths, we are further dismayed that your government has neglected the plight of the youth. While government has failed to achieve substantial progress in job creation, its few efforts in form of provision of youth loans are politicised and only serve to benefit those connected to the ruling party. The recent introduction of the government internship programme is not a lasting solution to the challenge of youth unemployment as internships are not full time jobs. We demand your government to come up with practical solutions that will keep the youths in gainful and permanent employment and income generating ventures – steps that are sustainable.

3.10. GENDER EQUALITY

Most of the positive steps by government on gender equality over the years are merely centred at policy, institutional, and legal framework. However, having a robust institutional, policy and legal framework on gender equality is not enough. There is need to translate that to action if the increasing cases of gender inequalities and abuse are to be reduced. Furthermore, political will is key to ensuring gender equality in Malawi. Sadly, we have noted that despite being a champion of HE/For She Campaign President Mutharika has continued to publicly undermine the rights of women as clearly exemplified in his political rantings against the former first lady Calista Mutharika and former Minister Patricia Kaliati. The treatment of Patricia Kaliati at Parliament where she was assaulted by DPP cadets (who have never been brought to book till to date) and the verbal abuse launched against Mrs Kaliati by DPP regional governor for South Mr Charles Mchacha in full view of his husband and the President are all regrettable and do not reflect well on Mutharika's fight against gender based violence and promotion of gender equality. We continue to note that your government lacks a clear articulated vision on gender equality.

3.11. WORSENING WATER PROBLEMS

The CSOs and the citizens notes the list of the projects that government is claiming to be working on to address the water problem. However, government fails to explain the extent to which the listed projects would be able to address the problem mindful of the magnitude of the problem in the country. Furthermore, it is misleading for government to allege that CSOs have stood in the way of implementation of some projects (obviously referring to Salima/Lilongwe Water Project) while CSOs were only trying to seek accountability and transparency in the way the contracts were awarded. It is a well-known fact that the awarding of the contract to do this project was greeted with corruption and patronage accusations, and as such the CSOs could not keep quiet and watch the executive arm of government massaging corruption under the guise of advancing development. It is in this regard that we view government's response on this as a mere scapegoat for their failure to address the worsening water problems in Malawi.

4.0. OUR REACTION TO GOVERNMENT CONCERNS OVER THE THEME OF 27 APRIL PETITION

The CSOs and the citizens notes government concerns over the theme of the 27 April Petition which reads as follows: “For how long shall Malawians continue to be taken for granted? Time to Reclaim our destiny”. According to your response, “notes with sadness that the theme of the petition insinuates that Malawians are being taken for granted. All Malawians of good will would attest to the fact that this is not the case. Government therefore finds this statement both misleading and unfortunate”. However, as you have rightly put Malawians are the best judges as to whether the DPP led government takes them for granted. Without necessarily being defensive on the choice of the theme, we would like to pose the following questions to you and your government on the matter:

1. Is the dubious rejection of electoral reforms particularly 50%+1 not taking Malawians for granted?
2. Is the President and the DPP benefitting of K145 million dubious “gift” not taking Malawians for granted?
3. Is the appointment of a person implicated in the murder of Chasowa as Inspector General of Police when the investigations into the matter are not completed not taking Malawians for granted?
4. Is the assaulting of women politicians by the DPP cadets in the full sight of Police not taking Malawians for granted?
5. Is the executive thieving of tax payers money when there are no drugs in hospital and learning materials in schools not taking Malawians for granted?
6. Is the parading of chiefs, mercenary activists and others on MBC to attack the critics of the regime of the government not taking Malawians for granted?
7. Is the rewarding of MPs who frustrated the peoples electoral reforms with K4 Billion not taking Malawians for granted?

5.0. OUR REACTION GOVERNMENT CONCERNS THAT 27 APRIL PETITION CONTAINS INNUENDOS THAT MUTHARIKA’S GOVERNMENT IS ILLEGITIMATE

We note government’s concerns with dismay. Nowhere in the petition are innuendos that the Peter Mutharika government is illegitimate. We appreciate that the DPP government was elected by 36% of voters under the current system. However, we note in the petition that any government that has lost trust of the people the people have the power to remove that government from office. This is ably supported by the Constitution in Section 6 and 12. It is in our considered view that by virtue of the reasons listed in the petition the DPP government has lost the legitimacy to govern and as such Malawians have the powers to decide whether to remove it from office or not. It is in this regard that we categorically restate that a government without integrity has no legitimacy to govern.

6.0. RATINGS OF PRESIDENT ARTHUR PETER MUTHARIKA’S GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 27 APRIL CITIZENS 10-POINT DEMAND PETITION

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1.	We demand your Excellency Sir to reverse your decision on the appointment of Rodney Jose - who was implicated in the murder of Robert Chasowa in 2011- as Acting Inspector General of Police within 10 days (27 April to 11 May 2018) . In the absence of completion of investigations into Chasowa's murder, such an appointment is an insult to the family of Chasowa and the general public who continue to seek justice on the matter. We demand Parliament to reject such an appointment if brought before it for approval.	0
2.	Demand on the resignation or firing of Minister of Finance Goodall Gondwe and Minister of Local Government Kondwani Nankhumwa within 20 days (27 April to 11 May 2018) over their dubious role in the K4 Billion payout aimed at rewarding MPs who rejected the people's electoral reforms including 50%+1 electoral system of electing the President. The K4 Billion scandal has raised more questions than answers on the integrity of not only the two ministers but also the entire government... Malawians are now asking the following questions: What else does the Mutharika government steal from Malawians in secret?	0
3.	We demand that the disbursement of the K4 Billion dubious funds be completely cancelled within 30 days (27 April to 11 June 2018) as its objective and motives were not to pursue public interest but rather to reward betrayal of public trust through the rejection of the peoples' electoral reforms	0
4.	Anti-Corruption Bureau should expedite the investigation of both the K4 Billion dubious fund scandal and also the alleged linkage between the rejection of electoral reforms and K4 Billion payout.	0
5.	We demand the re-tabling and enactment of the all the elections related bills including 50%+1 electoral system of electing the President in their original form as proposed by the Law Commission within 40 days (27 April to 25 June 2018) . We demand these elections related laws including the 50%+1 to be enacted in their original form as proposed by the Malawi Law Commission.	0
6.	MBC is a public broadcaster NOT DPP or Party Broadcaster. We give you, Your Excellency Sir, 60 days (27 April to 24 July) to free MBC from DPP's capture and to allow it to work independently and professionally as provided by law. In the same vein, we demand MACRA, MBC and MEC's action on YAS, CHRR and CEDEP's letter of complaint on MBC's political biasness and contravention of the law within 60 days (27 April to 24 July 2018) .	0
7.	We regret the dwindling public service delivery in the education and health sectors where public hospitals have shortage of drugs and public schools have shortage of teachers and learning materials, yet the DPP government has the audacity to plan wasting K4 Billion funds –which would have been used for these services – in rewarding MPs that betrayed the public through the rejection of Electoral reforms. We demand action to addressing these problems within 75 days (27 April to 7th August 2018) .	2
8.	Malawi is a nation in darkness. We are tired of blackouts and gensets excuses. We give you, Your Excellency Sir, 85 days (27th April to 21st August 2018) to address	3

	the electricity blackouts problem.	
9.	Enough of your government's celebration of impunity over extrajudicial killings implicating your cronies, Your Excellency Sir. We demand completion of investigations into the murder of Issa Njaunju, Robert Chasowa and July 20, 2011 freedom fighters NOW!	1
10	Enough of mere executive rhetoric on the killings of persons with Albinism. We need action to end the killings of our brothers and sisters NOW!	4
	Total	10
	SCORE IN %	10%

It can therefore be said in all fairness and soberness that **PRESIDENT PROFESSOR ARTHUR PETER MUTHARIKA HAS SCORED 10%** in addressing the issues and demands in the 27 April 10 Point demand petition.

7.0. FRESH DEMANDS

From the above issues, in addition to the ten-point demands we raised in the April 2018 petition, we now make the following demands:

- The MK145 Million from the Malawi police deal should immediately be returned to Malawians through their government with evidence produced to the public. In addition to this, Zamir Karim of Pionner Investments and all Malawi Police Officers implicated in the food rationing deal should be arrested and prosecuted.
- Immediate resignation of ACB Director General Reyneck Matemba for being partisan. Malawians have clearly lost confidence and trust in Mr. Matemba for shielding corruption suspects from prosecution. We further call on Parliament's Legal Affairs Committee to summon Mr. Matemba to explain his actions over the recent high profile cases which his Bureau is handling.
- Immediate dismissal of top ESCOM Management for mismanagement of the public institution. The processes towards ESCOM reform should be immediately ensue.
- We demand the Protection of whistleblowers at ESCOM and indeed at any government or private entity as a means to fighting corruption.
- Immediate suspension of the contract of supply of gensets to ESCOM and EGENCO pending investigations into the awarding of contract and procurement of the controversial gensets
- An immediate end to the practice of nepotism in appointments of senior government positions
- Immediate reconvening of parliament to impeach you, President Peter Mutharika, for gross violation of the constitution and oath of office.

8.0. WAY FORWARD

Your Excellency, in view of the above, we resolve to take a series of actions to force your administration to make concessions that will make Malawi a better country for us all. The constitution is clear that those that govern us do so on our behalf. Section 12(c) and Section 6 of the Republican Constitution fully explains this social contract. Even the ruling (DPP) in its 2014 manifesto rightly observed: “We in the DPP believe that if a Government does not have integrity, it has no right to govern” (DPP Manifesto, 2014, p. 6). We believe that this social contract has been breached wantonly and we call upon Malawians from all walks of life to join us in coordinated peaceful protests to show our displeasure over the failure of President Mutharika to address the issues raised in the petition and the demand. The demonstrations will be held on 7 September 2018 in all the districts in Malawi.

On behalf of all Malawians of goodwill

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Grecian Mbewe – Human Rights Activist

Mada Banda – Human Rights Defender

Luke Tembo – Human Rights Defender

Thokozani Mapemba – Human Rights Defender

Moir Walita – Human Rights Defender

Naile Salima – Human Rights Defender

Dennis Msewu – Human Rights Defender

George Chiusiwa- Human Rights Defender

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