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Mr. Chairman,
Your Excellencies
Distinguished Delegates
Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a known fact now that Climate Change affects people's lives in all parts of the world. In Malawi, Climate Change has shown adverse impacts on agriculture, infrastructural systems, energy, human health, fisheries, forestry, water, wildlife and gender sectors. These impacts adversely affect our socio- economic development and are a threat to the attainment of the goals both in our Malawi Growth and Development Strategy and the Millennium Development Goals. In this respect, my Government has undertaken various initiatives and interventions to combat climate change as follows:

'Strategies Adopted to Combat Climate Change'

Mr. Chairman, my Government's long-term goal for climate change management is to reduce the human suffering and socio-economic impact of adverse effects of climatic change. The medium term outcome is improved community resilience to climate change through the development of sustainable livelihoods and reduced emissions of Green House Gases. Strategically we have set a national roadmap to this goal through:

- a) Integration of climate change and environmental issues into national and sectoral development plans and policies;
- b) Strengthening institutional capacity for climate change and environmental management;
- c) Promoting better monitoring, early warning and disaster management in all vulnerable areas;
- d) Promoting adoption and use of clean and renewable energy technologies; and
- e) Intensifying public awareness campaigns on climate change.

'Specific Government Interventions and Efforts on Climate Change'

Mr. Chairman, my Government has undertaken various initiatives to address Climate Change as follows:

Number 1: 'Policy Frameworks'

- a) Government has developed a National Climate Change Policy to guide the national Climate Change Vision and programming in the country.
- b) Government has developed a Climate Change Investment Plan to enhance solicitation and mobilization of financial and technical support on climate change.
- c) Government has established a comprehensive National Climate Change Programme to promote both adaptation and mitigation needs in various sectors of the economy.

Number 2: 'Intervention Programmes on Climate Change Adaptation'

- a) My Government developed National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA) in 2006 and is currently developing National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) to a guide for programming and implementation of national and community-based activities on adaptation.

- b) Government has embarked on the Green Belt Initiative to utilize water from lakes and perennial rivers to enhance the country's production of crops, livestock and fisheries to boost food security in the face of climate change.
- c) Government is also supporting NGOs to implement community based programmes to promote sustainable livelihoods through various initiatives aimed at climate justice, disaster risk assessment and management.

Number 3: 'Programmes on Climate Change Mitigation and Technology Transfer'

Mr. Chairman, although Malawi's green house gas emissions are insignificant at the global level my Government undertaking various initiatives to contribute to the stabilization of the global change system as follows:

- a) We have developed various projects under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) to promote energy efficient technologies and improved clean cook stoves.
- b) Looking into the future, Government has embarked on a process to develop Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) in the context of our sustainable economic development agenda and low carbon development path.

'Challenges on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Initiatives'

Mr. Chairman, in order for my Government to continue assisting the vulnerable communities and degraded ecosystems to cope with the adverse effects of climate change, and also to contribute to international efforts in combating global warming, Malawi needs financial and technical assistance to support the implementation of the adaptation and national appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs).

Thank you, Chairman.

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