REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

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DURING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS

TO BE HELD ON 22nd SEPTEMBER 2016

NEW YORK,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
1. Allow me to join others in expressing support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as linchpins for sustainable economic growth and developments of our countries, regions and the entire world. I totally agree to the observation that poverty eradication should be at the heart of all the things we should be doing at country, regional and global levels, and that these efforts should really not leave anyone behind;

2. Let me also reiterate the need to support the ratification and implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement as a necessary solution to the transit challenges that LLDCs face. Malawi is in its final stages of ratification and approval by the authorities;

3. Allow me, Mr. Chairman to join others in highlighting the importance of the development partners and international organizations to assist LLDCs in building and strengthening their national capacities in the areas of infrastructure, transport, water and energy among others;

4. Finally, let me stress that cooperation on fundamental transit policies, laws and regulations between landlocked developing countries and their transit neighbours is crucial for the effective and integrated solution of cross-border trade and transit transport problems.