



REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

**STATEMENT**

**BY**

**HIS EXCELLENCY**

**DR. LAZARUS McCARTHY CHAKWERA,  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI**

**AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ORIENTATION  
WORKSHOP FOR CABINET MEMBERS AT THE BINGU  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER**

**MONDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2020**

- : Right Hon Dr. Saulos Klaus Chilima, Vice President of the Republic of Malawi**
- : Honourable Ministers and Deputy Ministers**
- : Mr. Zanga Zanga Chikhosi, Secretary to the President and Cabinet**
- : Senior Government Officials**
- : Distinguished Facilitators**
- : Ladies and Gentlemen**

I am glad to preside over the official opening ceremony for this Orientation Workshop for Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

This Cabinet has now been in office for 45 days, which I believe is sufficient time for them to familiarize themselves with the scope and content of their portfolios. To set them up for success, this workshop has been organized at my directive in readiness for my convening of the first full cabinet meeting in a few days. This is why I believe that much as workshops of this nature have been organized before, this one carries a particular significance.

We are still in the early days of my Administration, and these Cabinet members have already discovered that there is more rubble to clear out of the system than they anticipated before we can fully set in place a new system that delivers our promise of

transformation to Malawians. Even so, Malawians across the country are right and have a right to have great expectations of this Administration, for together we represent a fresh chance to build a new Malawi. For us to deliver on this transformative governance agenda, we must begin to match the promises we made with action and ensure that everyone is involved. As Members of the Cabinet, you have accepted this responsibility and have no choice but to execute it with excellence and humility. With the tools you will receive during this training, you will have the wherewithal to live up to the particular expertise, political experience, and public expectations that first inspired my decision to appoint you as I did.

I am, therefore, delighted that this Workshop has been organized to prepare you for the mammoth task that lies ahead. In the next two days, under the chairmanship of His Honour the Vice President, you will be equipped with knowledge on Government systems, processes, and procedures. The topics and facilitators have been carefully chosen to ensure that you get the required knowledge and information for you to discharge your respective responsibilities in accordance with the law. As you go through this workshop, remember that you have been entrusted to embody the five pillars of my Hi-5 Agenda: Servant Leadership, Uniting Malawians, Prospering Together, Ending Corruption, and the Rule

of Law. Toward that end, you have my full support and confidence, as well as the full support and confidence of Malawians, if you can keep it.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.