



REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

STATEMENT

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“Taking a Moral Stand to Fulfil Malawi’s Development Agenda”

Fellow Malawians,

On July 1, 2022 I addressed you on a number of governance and political issues mainly on the structure and purpose of the Tonse Alliance which was formed months prior to the 2020 Fresh Presidential Election.

As duly elected Vice President of this country, I took oath to serve my country, to serve you, fellow Malawians, and to do so by assisting His Excellency Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, in executing the duties of his office.

Since assuming office my firm belief is that there can only be one President of the Republic of Malawi at a time. All of us must rally our support in unison as the President leads the nation on a very difficult path towards our country’s prosperity.

The events of the past few months, however, have created some sort of political uncertainty in view of my arrest by the Anti Corruption Bureau for

corruption. I am currently burdened by six corruption charges from which I must prove my innocence through legal means.

This statement will not labor to exonerate myself from all the accusations leveled against me. The issues are now in court and it is through the same legal institutions that we must seek conclusive remedy.

Though the Constitution confines my political and administrative powers, what I can deal with at this material time is the political nature of my presence in governance structure of this nation.

It is a fact that my role as Vice President is purely a constitutional matter because I was mandated by Malawians through a credible electoral process in 2020.

However, my moral urge is that sticking to a constitutional office when I have six counts of corruption on me compromises both my delivery of duty and my standing in society.

I have, therefore, arrived at a painful decision to relinquish my constitutional mandate as Vice

President to allow the due legal process take its full course.

My decision is in full alignment with the provisions of Sections 83, 84 and 85 of the Constitution of Malawi in guiding the duties of the First Vice President.

I will be notifying the Executive and Legislature officially in the coming weeks for them to start the process of detaching me from the government apparatus and creating a vacancy in the Office of Vice President.

I am hopeful that once I am cleared from all the six corruption charges, the same Arms of Government (Executive and Legislature) will do the needful to reinstitute me into the Executive Arm and allow me to see through my constitutional mandate in the Office of Vice President.

May God bless us all and, most importantly, may He remind us to remain true to Our Promise and Mission to our country, Malawi. I thank you.

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