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Dear Anne-Marie Trevelyan,

**Commitment Letter by the Government of Malawi to the President of the
Conference of the Parties on Climate Change (COP26)**

I write to inform you, in your capacity as International Champion on Adaptation and Resilience for the COP26 Presidency, of the commitment that the Government of Malawi made in August 2021 to its citizens as part of the COP26 Health Programme initiatives on Human Health and Climate Change.

Climate Resilient Health System

Government will develop and continue to strengthen the health system to be resilient to the impacts of climate change.

This includes commitment(s) to:

- Climate change and health vulnerability and adaptation assessment (V&AA): Malawi conducted a climate change and health vulnerability and adaptation assessment (V&AA) in April 2016. Government commits to continue assessing vulnerability to climate change in an interactive way, so as to continue to inform health policies and programmes.
- Health National Adaptation Plan (HNAP): Continue to update the health component of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) based on new evidence arising from climate change and health vulnerability assessments. Government and Ministry of Health (MOH) will seek to carry out vulnerability and adaptation assessments to inform the HNAP in tandem with the timeframe for renewal of the NAP.

Sustainable low carbon health system

Government and MOH will strengthen health system to be sustainable and ensure low carbon emission as way of contributing to the emission targets of the Paris Agreement. This includes commitment(s) to:

- Carry out a baseline assessment of greenhouse gas emissions of the health system (or health care facilities), including supply chains.
- Publish an action plan (by December 2025) which sets out how MOH will develop a sustainable low carbon health system (including supply chains) which also considers the role the health sector can play in reducing exposure to air pollution through its activities and its actions.
- Reach net zero health sector emissions by December 2030 under the direct control of health service delivery; emissions for health sector delivery and associated supply chain.

Funding for Health (ODA eligible countries)

Government and MOH will seek to use the V&AA reports, HNAP and the action plan for a sustainable low carbon health system to facilitate access to climate change funding for Health through the climate change multilateral funding mechanisms such as project proposals submitted to the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), Green Climate Fund (GCF) or Adaptation Fund (AF) or GCF Readiness programme.

Malawi Government and MOH has strong hope and belief that these commitments will make substantial and long-term contributions to protecting the health of the people of Malawi as well as helping in meeting the targets of the Paris Agreement.

Yours sincerely



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