



REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

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- ***Your Excellency Abdulla Shahid – President of the United Nations General Assembly;***
- ***Excellencies, Colleagues and Heads of Delegation;***
- ***Distinguished Guests;***
- ***Ladies and Gentlemen.***

We assemble today for the first time at this important International Migration Review Forum where concrete and innovative ways will be deliberated, for ensuring that our nationals migrate safely, orderly and regularly across our borders. It goes without saying that migration is a defining feature in our globalized world, as it has become much easier for our nationals to move, live and work in countries other than their countries of nationality.

Excellencies,

This forum, therefore, presents us with the unique opportunity to reflect on the impacts from challenges facing the globe, such as, the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change which have affected the migration cycle and the level of prevalence, as well as manifestation of transnational organized crime and various human rights issues, among other things.

Unless countries unite to achieve the goal of having a safer and more peaceful connected world- a world that does not discriminate based on any status, it will be impossible to achieve the commitments made under the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Malawi reaffirms its commitment to achieve the 23 objectives of the

Global Compact and urges all participating States to champion the Compact.

Excellencies,

In furthering the objectives of the GCM, Malawi has already started putting in place measures towards its implementation including; registration of all children born of refugee parents; accelerating efforts to include refugees and asylum seekers in the National Identity Registration to allow their possession of documentation in the category of foreigners; voluntarily championing the GCM and ratification of relevant regional and international instruments related to migration, and cooperation in combating transnational organized crime.

Excellencies,

Indeed, achieving the objectives of the GCM requires seamless international cooperation between and amongst States as it is key in achieving Sustainable Development Goals. The need for countries to conclude elaborate bilateral, regional and multilateral agreements to enhance collaboration to achieve the objectives of the GCM cannot be overemphasized. That is why Malawi is taking every possible initiative to enhance its collaboration bilaterally, regionally and internationally.

Let me acknowledge all cooperating partners, and may I also take this opportunity to appeal for more cooperation from international

development partners to help Member States in achieving the objectives of the GCM.

I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ATTENTION