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7th April, 2017

To The Chairperson NGO Board of Malawi
The Vice Chairperson – NGO Board of Malawi
Chairperson Programs – NGO Board of Malawi
The Chairperson Board of Trustees – CONGOMA
The Chairperson Governing Council – CONGOMA
The Vice Chairperson Governing Council – CONGOMA
Chief Executive Officer – NGO Board of Malawi
Executive Director – CONGOMA

Dear Sir/Madam,

ALLEGED ILLEGAL REGISTRATION OF NGOs

Reference is made to the meeting held on 7th December, 2016 in my office in regard to the registration of NGOs in Malawi.

The meeting resolved and I quote "that section 20 (3) (a) (v) of the NGO Act 2000 that requires an NGO to be a member of CONGOMA before registering with NGO Board and other contentious sections should be repealed through an amendment of the law. The amendment process be commenced immediately".

It is against this background that I write to call for a follow up meeting to update you on the progress made by the Ministry and the expected next steps. The meeting will be held on 13th April, 2017 starting at 2 p.m. in my office, Gemini House Capital City Lilongwe.

Find attached draft Non-Governmental Organizations (amendment) bill 2017 and minutes of the 7th December, 2016 meeting.

It will be very important to keep the attachments away from the public up until the Ministry makes a proper public release.

Thank you for your attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'P' and 'W' followed by a stylized flourish.

Dr Esme Kainja