

MALAWI ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Declaration by Political Party Leaders on Conduct During Campaign

We the Leaders of Political Parties representing all candidates who are contesting in the General Elections;

recognizing that the Republic of Malawi is a democratic state that guarantees political rights;

guided by the provision of the law that govern the conduct of elections and campaign in an election;

desirous of coordinating and cooperating with the Electoral Commission to guarantee the conduct of a free, fair and credible elections;

Hereby Declare that during this campaign we shall recognize that:

1. the period of campaign in public by every political party and candidate shall be a period of two months closing forty-eight hours before polling;
2. all political parties and candidates have the right to campaign in an election;
3. every political party, candidate and every representative, member or supporter has the right to enjoy unhindered freedom of expression and unhindered freedom of peaceful assembly in campaigning we shall therefore desists from, discourage and report all acts of violence, intimidation and intolerance;
4. we shall not use any language that is or capable of being inflammatory, defamatory or insulting or any language that constitute incitement to public disorder or insurrection;
5. we have a duty to notify the District Commissioner in writing with a copy of such notification to the officer-in-charge of Police intention to conduct campaign in public;
6. some places are prohibited for purposes of campaign and we have a duty to respect the prohibition.


Therefore, having made this Declaration, we shall not, by ourselves or through our respective political parties or through any representative or whosoever acting on our behalf seek to undermine the authority of the Commission. To this extent, we shall cooperate with the Commission in its activities and we shall contribute towards the success of the election and we shall not in any way seek to hinder such a process.

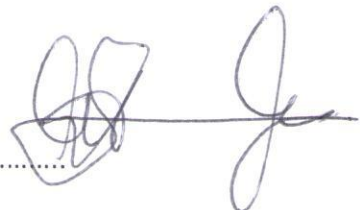
Declared this 19th day of March 2019

At Lilongwe

1. Grace Chupa.....
Secretary General, Alliance for Democracy (AFORD)


2. Greydon Mikuwa.....*Kondowe Pearson* 
Secretary General, Democratic Federal Alliance (DFA)

3. Nelson Nyirenda.....
Secretary General, Democratic People Congress (DEPECO)

4. Grelzedar Jeffrey.....*ARON M. SANGALA M.P.* 
Secretary General, Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)

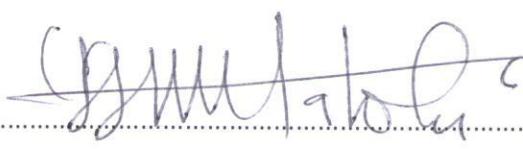
5. Steven Njobvuyalema.....
Secretary General, Freedom Party (FP)

6. Mabvuto Alfred Ng'ona.....
Independent Presidential candidate Reverend Hadwick Kaliya

7. Eisenhower Mkaka.....
Secretary General, Malawi Congress Party (MCP)


8. Sam Banda.....
Secretary General, Mbakuwaku Movement for Development (MMD)

9. Brian Sunduza Phiri.....
Secretary General, National Salvation Front (NASAF)


10. Ibrahim Matola.....
Secretary General, Peoples Party (PP)

11. Aubrey Nkata.....
Secretary General, Peoples Transformation Alliance (PETRA)


12. Grant Chimanya.....
Secretary General, Tikonze Peoples Movement (TPM)

13. Bright Msusku.....
Secretary General, Umodzi Party (UP)

14. Kandi Padambo.....
Secretary General, United Democratic Front (UDF)

15. Patricia Kaliati.....
Secretary General, UTM

Signed before me at Lilongwe on 19th March, 2019

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Justice Dr Jane Ansah SC, JA

Chairperson

Malawi Electoral Commission