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IMF Executive Board Approves Extension of the Arrangement under the Extended Credit Facility for Malawi

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Letter of Intent

Lilongwe, April 25, 2016

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Ms. Christine Lagarde Managing Director International Monetary Fund 700, 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20431 USA

Subject: Request for an Extension of the ECF Arrangement 2012–15

Dear Madam Managing Director:

We would like to request an extension of the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) Arrangement until June 30, 2016. The ECF arrangement was approved by the Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on July 23, 2012 and is due to expire on May 22, 2016.

The program extension would provide additional time for the conclusion of the seventh and eighth reviews under the current ECF arrangement. This request does not relate to any delays in program implementation, but simply allows sufficient time to meet the two prior actions necessary for completing the reviews.

The government remains committed to conducting stable macroeconomic policies and the observance of program conditionality during the remaining period.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Hon. Goodall Gondwe Minister of Finance and Economic Planning

cc: Ms. Kapwepwe IMF Executive Director for Malawi /s/

Mr. Charles Chuka Governor of the Reserve Bank of Malawi