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The Director,  
United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat  
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New York, NY 10017

Dear Madam,

**VOLUNTARY NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION**

Reference is made on the Note Verbale No. DESA-22/01321 of 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.

In accordance with the United Nations Strategy Plan for Forest 2030, the government of Malawi hereby communicates its VNC to the Forum as attached.

Yours sincerely.

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**DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY (PLANNING)**

**Member State: Malawi**

**Date/Forum session that voluntary national contributions were announced:**

**Date voluntary national contribution transmitted to secretariat through Permanent Mission to the United Nations:**

**VOLUNTARY NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION**

| <b>Time Frame</b>   | <b>Concise Description of each contribution and any associated activities</b>   | <b>Supports the Global Forest Goals and Targets</b>          | <b>Contribution included in Nationally Determined Contributions</b> | <b>Sustainable Development Goals targets</b>                   | <b>Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework</b> | <b>Others</b>  |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| By 2030<br>(National Forestry Landscape Restoration strategy) | 1. Increase areas of community forests and woodlots to 600,000 ha   | GFG 1, Targets 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4<br>GFG 2, Targets 2.2, 2.3 | Yes   | SDG 15.3, 15.9b, 13, 7   | Yes, target 2                           | Bonn Challenge, AFR100, Land Degradation Neutrality National Forestry Policy Malawi 2063 |
|   | 2. Improve protection and management of 2 million ha of natural forest, restore 500,000 ha of degraded forest, and establish 100,000 ha of commercial plantations | GFG 1, Targets 1.1,1.2<br>GFG 3, Targets 3.2, 3.3            | Yes   | SDG 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15a, 15b, 15c., 13, 6.5, 6.6 SDG 1 | Target 3                                | Bonn Challenge, AFR100, Land Degradation Neutrality Malawi 2063                          |

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|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
|                                      | 3. Regenerate or plant 50 million trees along river and stream banks  | GFG 1, targets 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4  | Yes | SDG 15,13, 6.6          | Target 3                | Bonn Challenge, Land Degradation Neutrality Malawi 2063  |
|                                      | 4. Restore 4.5 million ha through agricultural technologies, community forests and woodlands, forest management, soil and water conservation, river and stream bank restoration   | GFG 1, targets 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4<br>GFG 2, target 2.3, 2.4, 2.5                   | Yes | SDG 15, 7, 13, 1.5, 2.4 | Target 3, 8             | Bonn Challenge, AFR100, Malawi 2063, National Resilience Strategy, Climate Change Policy Malawi 2063 |
|                                      |   |  |     |                         |                         |  |
| By 2027 (National Charcoal Strategy) | 1. Promote alternative household cooking fuels such as electricity, liquefied petroleum gas, briquettes and pellets and biogas  | GFG 1, target 1.2<br>GFG 5 target 5.1, 5.3   | Yes | SDG 7.4a, b, 12, 13, 15 | Target 16               | Malawi Biomass Energy Strategy, Malawi 2063, Sustainable Energy 4 All Action Agenda Malawi 2063      |
|                                      | 2. Promote sustainable wood production through large scale commercial cultivation of fast growing tree species and/or alternative feedstock suitable for charcoal and commercial firewood production through concessions or other appropriate means | GFG 1, targets 1.1, 1.2, 1.3<br>GFG 2, targets 2.2, 2.3, 2.4<br>GFG 3, targets 3.3 | Yes | SDG 15, 6               | Targets 1, 3, 4, 10, 11 | Bonn Challenge, AFR100 Malawi 2063   |

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|--|---|--|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
|  | <p>3. Strengthen law enforcement through enhancing existing laws and regulations in order to reduce illegal wood harvesting and charcoal production and to create a market for sustainable wood and charcoal production</p> | <p>GFG 1, target 1.3<br/>GFG 5, target 5.2, 5.3</p>  | <p>Yes</p> | <p>SDG 15, 16</p>           | <p>Target 5, 8, 15</p>        | <p>Sustainable Energy 4<br/>All Action Agenda<br/>Malawi 2063</p>                                     |
|  | <p>4. Regulate sustainable charcoal production by establishing a professional and regulated charcoal value chain that promotes sustainable and efficient production of charcoal based on a business model.</p>              | <p>GFG 2, target 2.2<br/>GFG 3, target 3.3<br/>GFG 5, target 5.3</p>   | <p>Yes</p> | <p>SDG 6, 15,16, 7</p>      | <p>Target 5, 7, 8, 14, 15</p> | <p>Malawi 2063,<br/>Sustainable Energy 4<br/>All Action Agenda<br/>Malawi 2063</p>                    |
|  | <p>5. Develop and disseminate information to raise awareness in order to transform the behaviors of users and other key stakeholders needed to sustain activities 1-4 above</p>   |  |            |                             |                               | <p>Malawi 2063</p>  |
| <p>By 2025<br/>(National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan)</p> | <p>1. Area under forest cover is increased by 4% and managed sustainably, ensuring conservation of biodiversity</p>   | <p>GFG 1, targets 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4<br/>GFG 2, targets 2.4, 2.5<br/>GFG 3, targets 3.1, 3.3<br/>GFG 4, targets 4.1, 4.5<br/>GFG 5, target 5.3</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>SDG 6, 13,15, 16, 17</p> | <p>Targets 2, 3, 8</p>        | <p>Bonn Challenge,<br/>AFR100, Climate Change Policy, Land degradation neutrality<br/>Malawi 2063</p> |