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A NEW YEAR CALL TO PROMOTE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR A STRONG DEMOCRACY

As we welcome the dawn of 2025, the Media Council of Malawi extends heartfelt New Year greetings to all Malawians. This year not only symbolizes new opportunities and fresh beginnings but also heralds a pivotal moment in our democratic journey—the General Elections scheduled for September 2025.

Elections are a testament to our commitment to democracy and civic engagement. They give us a vital opportunity to express our hopes for the future and hold our leaders accountable. As we prepare for this important event, we call on all media professionals to uphold the principles of patriotism and professionalism in their work. Your role is crucial in informing the public, promoting transparency, and fostering healthy discourse among citizens. Let us strive to ensure that our reporting is accurate, fair, and devoid of sensationalism so that the public can make informed decisions.

We also urge the citizens of Malawi to participate in the electoral process actively. Engage with the issues, ask questions, and contribute to discussions that shape our nation's future. Remember, your vote is your voice, and it is essential in steering the direction of our democracy. Let us approach this election season with a spirit of unity and respect for one another, reinforcing our shared commitment to the values that define us as a nation.

In the spirit of fostering a responsible media environment, we want to emphasize the importance of accountability. We encourage the public to report any dissatisfaction with media conduct directly to the Media Council. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us uphold the standards of journalism that Malawi deserves.

Simultaneously, we recognize the challenges that media professionals may face, including harassment and injustice while carrying out their duties. We urge all journalists and media practitioners to report any such incidents to the Media Council. We stand ready to support you in addressing these issues and ensuring that your rights are protected.

Together, let us make 2025 a year of hope, resilience, and democratic engagement. May we all commit to a peaceful and credible electoral process, reinforcing the foundations of our democracy. The Media Council of Malawi is dedicated to fostering an environment where free expression thrives, and where every voice can be heard.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling New Year!

Signed:

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