

## REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

## INTERVENTION TO BE DELIVERED BY HONOURABLE SOSTEN GWENGWE, M.P., MINISTER OF TRADE

DURING SESSION FIVE OF THE AFRICA REGIONAL REVIEW MEETING ON THE THEME "

24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LILONGWE 3 Honourable Ministers;

Distinguished Delegates;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

As we are striving to build a strong and sustainable future, the COVID-19 Pandemic presents a major obstacle in our quest to attain a favourable and competitive trading environment. The pandemic has in fact reversed some of our hard-won development gains and ability to attain more. COVID-19 restrictions and measures,

Let me thank the United Nations for organizing this important review meeting despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. I also look forward to hearing your contributions and charting together the next steps forward in order to strengthen the global partnership and most importantly address the development challenges in the LDCs.

I thank you for your attention.