



PRESS RELEASE

MALAWI GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO MEDIATION EFFORTS ON THE LAKE BOUNDARY WITH TANZANIA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi would like to inform the general public that the Government of Malawi is more than committed to finding an amicable and lasting solution to the lake boundary dispute with Tanzania, through peaceful dialogue and diplomatic efforts. This is why Malawi gladly resorted to the mediation on the matter by the Forum for Former African Heads of State and Government, which is being chaired by His Excellency Joaquim Chissano, former President of the Republic of Mozambique. The Government of Malawi has trust and confidence in the Forum, whose members are men of high integrity, and believe that the matter will be handled with professionalism and objectivity that it rightly deserves. Malawi's commitment to the mediation efforts cannot be overemphasized.

The Ministry wishes to further clarify that it wrote the Chairperson of the Forum, raising concerns on the participation of a Tanzanian national, who is the Executive Secretary of the Forum. It was the view of the Malawi Government, that the Executive Secretary's participation may compromise the mediation process, and that the playing field may not be level. The Government is very committed to the mediation process and that is why the concern was raised so that the process should be deemed free and fair.

The Ministry is confident that the Forum will give this concern the necessary attention.

It is therefore not correct that the Malawi Government is pulling out of the mediation process.

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