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Dear Ms. Adriana Dinu,

Co-financing to the Green Climate Fund Project on “Saving Lives and Protecting Agriculture based Livelihoods in Malawi: Scaling up the use of Modernised Climate Information and Early Warning Systems”

Malawi continues to experience adverse climate change impacts and disasters that erode the economic gains made by the country at various levels, with significant impacts on sectors central to the people of Malawi’s livelihood – agriculture and fisheries. Malawi has been exposed to climate risks, such as intense droughts and floods, as outlined in the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy II (MGDS II). National response to the risks however indicate capacity gaps in preparedness, in particular, the need for early warning mechanisms to inform decision making and timely action.

UNDP Malawi has been providing support to the Government of Malawi (GoM) to implement sustainable development interventions, as a contribution to the MGDS II outcomes, including, the strengthening of responsive institutions and systems to the impacts of climate change under the 2012 – 2016 UNDAF. The alignment of programming to the UNDP Strategic Plan 2014 – 2017 has also facilitated the adoption of the resilience approach into the support mechanisms provided to the GoM, which include strengthening of the National Climate Change Programme (2013 – 2018) and its investments in adaptation and mitigation provisions.

The CO expresses support to the “*Saving Lives and Protecting Agriculture Based Livelihoods in Malawi: Scaling up Early Warning Systems and Climate Information in Malawi Project*”, to be implemented from 2016 to 2022, through the Green Climate Fund (GCF). The intervention aims at facilitating timely generation and receipt of climate information to sustain agricultural-base livelihoods and enhance disaster risk management at various levels, in particular, the community level. The GCF resources would also provide critical financing to enable adaptation actions for the agriculture and fisheries sectors, and save lives and livelihoods for vulnerable populations.

Recognizing the importance of enhancing a systematic response to climate change and its impacts on the performance of institutions and vulnerable communities in the country, the Malawi UNDP CO is allocating an amount of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand US Dollars (US\$1,800,000) as cash contribution to the project. These resources will be used for various project activities including: support for capacity building of the hydro-met and DoDMA staff, agriculture and fisheries extension staff, and community members; strategic resourcing for the operational and management plan and



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sustainability of project outcomes; undertaking M&E activities including sharing of lessons learnt and best practices; and, project management.

We look forward to your ongoing cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mia Seppo', is placed above the printed name.

Mia Seppo
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