

I. Vote of thanks

II. Extending warm greetings from His Excellency the President of the Republic of Malawi.

III. Strengthening the bilateral relations:

Excellency, the Malawi Government is very eager to continue working closely with the Government of Cyprus and looks forward to strengthening and deepening the cordial relation that has existed since 2000 and are based on mutual respect and trust and were established for the betterment of the peoples of the two nations.

IV. Key areas of collaboration:

Excellency, allow me to share with you some of the areas Malawi is keen to collaborate in with Cyprus:

1. Trade and Investment: Malawi primarily exports raw materials but aspires to transition toward exporting value-added products. The country is prioritizing tourism, agricultural productivity, commercialization, and industrialization as key areas of focus. Enhanced cooperation between Cyprus and Malawi could include joint efforts in promoting tourism, advancing agricultural value addition initiatives, and introducing technologies to enhance agricultural productivity. Mining is a budding sector in Malawi and Cyprus's cooperation in this regard would be mutually beneficial.

2. Environmental and Climate Change Issues: Malawi wishes to heighten cooperation in the environmental and climate change issues. The issue of climate change is of utmost urgency, especially as we have both recently experienced natural disasters induced by climate change.

3. Technical Cooperation: Malawi and Cyprus would work together in key areas for sustainable development that include digitalization, education, training and skills development.

4. Multilateral Cooperation: Excellency, allow me to extend my heartfelt congratulations on Cyprus's election to the Human Rights Council for the term 2025-2027. Excellency, both Malawi and Cyprus are members of the UN and Commonwealth and we look forward to increased multilateral cooperation in different areas of mutual interest. Excellency, lastly, I reaffirm Malawi's unwavering commitment to further strengthen bilateral ties with Cyprus and to work closely with your government to better the lives of the peoples of our two great nations. Once again, I thank you, Excellency, for hosting me and my delegation in your beautiful Capital City and Office and for all the courtesies extended to my delegation.

I Thank you, Excellency.