



Statement by H.E. Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, Permanent Representative of the Holy See to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva  
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Mr. President,

The Holy See welcomes the Delegation of Malawi on the occasion of the presentation of the second National Report to the Universal Periodic Review.

My Delegation congratulates Malawi on the two peaceful political transition processes since the last Universal Periodic Review in 2010, especially on the first ever tripartite elections in May 2014, electing the President, Members of Parliament and Local Government Councilors. Furthermore, we commend the efforts made by Malawi on the rights of people with disabilities with the adoption of the 2012 Disability Act.

My Delegation wishes to present the following recommendations:

1. To continue efforts in improving the health-care system in order to combat mother and child mortality, and to assist those suffering from HIV.
2. To uphold the inherent right to life by ensuring the right to liberty and security of the human person and by abolishing the death penalty.
3. To improve conditions in schools, and to persist in efforts to facilitate access to education, especially for indigenous peoples, and to promote the opportunity to access mother language education.
4. To continue the efforts in fighting social inequalities and poverty, especially of women and children, by promoting the respect for fundamental human rights and adopting policies that provide favorable conditions of work, in line with international human rights law.
5. To take further steps to reform the judicial and penal system and to create adequate incarceration centers in conformity with international standards.

Thank you Mr. President