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As part of the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, Malawi reconfigured the school calendar to enable learners to catch up on days lost due to the pandemic. Schools are also offering remedial lessons and we have intensified back-to-school campaigns for school drop-outs. We are also set to establish a national 'Education Radio' station. Malawi has



, with expanded access to digital learning opportunities, including for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Educational institutions will be enabled with energy, connectivity and digital skills training.

tax reforms by 2030 and to sustain allocation of at least 15 to 20 percent of national expenditure, and at least 4 to 6 percent of GDP, for domestic financing of education. My government commits to hold itself and development partners more accountable for resources allocated for expanding and transforming education.

I conclude by joining the call for international partners to: (i) elevate education financing and consider education financing as an investment; (ii) remove conditionalities on financing often imposed by international agencies,

including public sector wage bill capping; and (iii) take action on debt restructuring.

I thank you all.