



MALAWI

**STATEMENT BY
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OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

ON

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Chairperson,

for the empowerment of women. In this regard, the government established the Department of Civic Education under the Ministry of Information which will undertake to simplify and promulgate the Convention, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and its Protocol on the Rights of Women, the Beijing Platform for Action and the recently adopted SADC Protocol on Gender and Development.

Government continues to engage the media in conducting various campaigns through which

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Gender based violence is a persistent problem for women and girls in Malawi. It reinforces subordination of women and further promotes sexual abuse which leads to injury, HIV infection and unwanted pregnancies. Malawi is fully committed to ending violence against women.