



PRESS RELEASE

GOVERNMENT POSITION ON THE DELINKING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAWI INTO THREE UNIVERSITIES

Lilongwe – Wednesday 18th February, 2021: The Malawi government will proceed to delink the University of Malawi (UNIMA) into three universities; namely the Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences MUBAS through Act No. 19 of 2019; the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHES); and the University of Malawi (UNIMA) passed as Act No. 18 of 2019.

The government communicated its position today in Lilongwe at a meeting where Vice President Dr. Saulos Chilima met with the Council of the University of Malawi alongside the Minister of Justice Hon. Titus Mvalo, the Attorney General Hon. Chikosa Silungwe, Director of Higher Education Dr. Levis Enaya and officials from the Department of Statutory Corporations and Public Sector Reforms.

Today's meeting was a follow up to the one held on 2nd February, 2021 which discussed the resolution made by the Council to review the process of delinking the University of Malawi. Prior to delivering its position today, there have been consultations within the government hierarchy to affirm its position to proceed with the delinking process.

Moving forward, the Ministry of Education will proceed to gazette the commencement date for the 2019 Acts of Parliament in line with Section 74 of the Constitution; implement a detailed Plan of Action on the delinking; and establish a Transitional Unit to oversee and conclude the process.

The delinking of UNIMA is a progressive process in increasing access to higher education and improving governance and operational efficiency in public universities in Malawi. For media enquiries contact **Dr. Levis Enaya** Director of Higher Education, Ministry of Education on **0993 881 933**

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