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Attention: Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill
Under-Secretary-General and the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology

Dear Sir,

We recognize the potential of DPI to accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals as highlighted in the Global Digital Compact adopted by all UN members. We also take note that poorly designed, implemented or maintained DPI can undermine safety and inclusion.

Recognizing the exponential potential of DPI in Malawi it is essential that our DPI – Inclusive Digital ID and CRVS System is built with the right safeguards to ensure that they are inclusive and safe for people and enable progress towards Sustainable Development Goals.

We, the National Registration Bureau, Government of Malawi commits to adopting the Universal DPI Safeguards Framework in Inclusive Digital ID and CRVS System in Malawi.

The Universal DPI Safeguards Framework has been developed by the DPI Safeguards initiative, a global multi-stakeholder effort convened and supported by the United Nations Office for Digital and Emerging technologies (ODET) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Universal DPI Safeguards Framework reflects the role of necessary safeguards to ensure the DPI implementations mitigate new risks and existing structural vulnerabilities of digital transformation at both the individual and societal level, advance the SDGs and foster trust and equity across all countries.

As part of this commitment:

- We will adopt the relevant Universal Safeguards principles at the appropriate lifecycle stages of a DPI implementation. We will interpret these principles and set up practices or adopt what is available in the framework as we see fit.
- We will ensure consistent multi stakeholder engagement including civil society organizations across the lifecycle with special focus during design and implementation when choices of safety and inclusion are made.
- We will build the capacity of government officials to respond to the potential risks proactively including through robust redressal mechanisms engaging with citizens.
- We will actively enable ecosystem innovation on public infrastructure to ensure that we make progress towards Sustainable Development Goals

Through this letter, we nominate Mr. Mbawaka Mwakhwawa as the focal point of our commitment. We look forward to engaging with Universal DPI Safeguards in implementing our commitments and look forward to sharing our experiences with other countries and implementation projects.

Sincerely,



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