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MALAWI CONGRESS PARTY

MEMORANDUM TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIFE PRESIDENT

File Ref. Date 17th Sept., 199

SUBJECT: REPEAL OF SECTION 9 OF THE
CONSTITUTION

Your Excellency

I have the honour to report, Sir,
on the recommendation from the National
Consultative Council (NCC) to repeal Section
9 of the Constitution of the Republic of
Malawi.

2. You may recall, Sir, that Section 9
of the Constitution of the Republic is the
one that confers the singular honour of the
Life Presidency to Your Excellency.

3. By the will of the people under the
one party system of government, Your
Excellency were made the Life President of
both the Malawi Congress Party and of the
Republic of Malawi.

4. The overwhelming majority of the
people of Malawi are still grateful and most

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proud of Your Excellency's achievement for this country. It is, therefore, the most sincere wish of these Malawians to maintain the honour of Life Presidency of the Malawi Congress Party and of the Republic of Malawi.

5. While the honour of the Life Presidency of the Malawi Congress Party can be and shall continue to be bestowed upon Your Excellency, we have been advised by competent legal authorities that the Life Presidency of the Republic of Malawi would be inconsistent with the introduction of multiparty system of national politics. This advice has followed our discussions of the subject in the NCC.

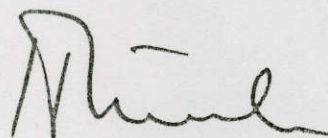
6. Although the Malawi Congress Party is vigorously fighting to win the upcoming general election and will continue to maintain the honour of the Life Presidency of the Republic of Malawi for Your Excellency after winning the general election, it is considered advisable and legally necessary to remove Section 9 of the Constitution merely for the purpose of completing the introduction of multiparty politics in this country pursuant to the results of the

referendum on June 14th.

7. I would, therefore, like to recommend for Your Excellency's consideration and approval that Section 9 of the Constitution be repealed.

8. I shall be most grateful for Your Excellency's guidance on this matter.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,
Your Excellency's Most Obedient Servant.



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COMMITTEE ON DIALOGUE