



### **Congratulatory Message**

#### **AUC Chairperson congratulates Malawi for successful elections and democratic maturity**

**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia – 31 May 2014.** The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma congratulates the people of Malawi for hosting peaceful and successful elections and reinforcing the country's democratic maturity. The Chairperson praises Malawians' high sense of civic responsibility and demonstrated patience given the anxiety around the vote-tallying process and the final announcement of results of the 20 May 2014 tripartite elections.

Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma congratulates the President-elect, Peter Mutharika for his victory, and calls on him to work toward reconciling Malawians, bringing together those voted for him, or not, for the good of Malawi and the entire Africa.

While congratulating other political party contenders for their democratic maturity and placing national interest first, she encourages them to channel any grievances through appropriate non-violent and legal means to seek justice.

The Chairperson also congratulates the Malawi Electoral Commission, civil society organization, the media and other national and international stakeholders for remaining steadfast in protecting and promoting the Malawian democratic process, upholding the constitutional order and rule of law. This is the spirit that is required for building sustainable peace.

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