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Note verbale dated 31 August 2020 from the Permanent Mission of Malawi to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Malawi to the United Nations has the honour to submit to the Office of the Secretary-General the candidature of the Republic of Malawi for the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Republic of Malawi is a party to both the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol. Over the years, Malawi has demonstrated unwavering commitment to issues relating to refugees by, among other things, accommodating refugees and displaced persons from various African countries, including Mozambique, Burundi, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Malawi currently hosts over 38,000 refugees at Dzaleka refugee camp in Dowa District. Malawi has also demonstrated its commitment to regional peacebuilding efforts by sending peacekeeping troops to the Democratic Republic of the Congo under the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo/Southern African Development Community Intervention Brigade since 1994. Malawi's membership of and contribution to the Executive Committee would, therefore, enhance its engagement on matters relating to refugees.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Malawi would be grateful if the present note verbale could be circulated as a document of the Economic and Social Council, under agenda item 19 (e).

