

2017/2018 BUDGET STATEMENT

MOTION

1. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Estimates on Recurrent and Development Accounts for the 2017/18 budget of the Government of Malawi be referred to the Committee of the Whole House, to be considered Vote by Vote, and that thereafter, they be adopted.

INTRODUCTION

2. Mr. Speaker, Sir, this honourable house has been assembled to debate and decide how the financial resources that are projected to become available during the 2017/18 financial year, should be utilized to optimize the welfare of Malawians. The resources are also intended to generate economic growth that could boost future financial resources to fund the needed enhancement of future welfare of Malawians.

3. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am mandated by the President of the Republic, His Excellency, Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika to submit to the house the proposals of the Government on how the resources can be raised and used; for the consideration and approval of the house on behalf of the people. This is a serious and noble responsibility and; I am humbled and privileged that yet again, His Excellency has entrusted this duty to me.

4. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the budget has been designed to be implemented within the context of international, regional and domestic, economic developments and it is therefore fitting that I start by sharing the view of the Government on these developments.