

## **2019/20 BUDGET STATEMENT**

### **MOTION**

1. Madam Speaker, I beg to move that the estimates on the Recurrent and Development Accounts for the 2019/20 Budget of the Malawi Government be referred to the Committee of the Whole house, to be considered vote by vote, and thereafter be adopted.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

2. Madam Speaker and Honourable Members, this is my first Budget Statement ever since it pleased His Excellency the State President of the Republic of Malawi, Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika to appoint me as Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development. Let me, therefore, take this opportunity to thank His Excellency the State President for entrusting me with this enormous responsibility which I do not take lightly. I undertake to hold my office as Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development with honour and dignity to be a trusted and faithful advisor and to perform the functions of my office meticulously and to the best of my capability.

3. Madam Speaker, let me also express my sincere gratitude to the immediate past Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, Honourable Goodall Gondwe, who applied his best efforts to achieve the macro-economic stability