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The Chairperson  
The Electoral Commission  
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Madam Chairperson Justice Dr. Ansah SC, JA

**RE: REQUEST FOR YOUR RESIGNATION**

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It is with heavy heart that I address you, Madam Chairperson, on a matter of grave importance.

We have become aware of some information regarding your conduct which we believe is compromising in your continued discharge of your duties as Chairperson of the Commission.

As you are aware, the recent tripartite elections were marred by serious irregularities perpetrated by individuals bent on circumventing the will of Malawians. It is clear that members of the Commission were part and parcel of this criminal enterprise. Some of the irregularities we have discovered are:

1. Failure to collect and seal away extra ballot papers before counting and compiling results thereby making extra ballot papers available for post-polling marking and stuffing to consummate the fraudulent results records or put future verification against the ballot paper in peril;
2. Failure to determine complaints before announcing the presidential return;
3. Refusal or failure to provide us and other political party representatives with results records as required by law, thereby opening the results record to tampering and interference;
4. Altering, transposing results among candidates, wrong summations in favour of the candidate declared winner;
5. Serious breach of security of the results records in favour of the candidate declared winner;

6. Voters being allowed to cast more than one vote for the presidential election in areas where the declared winner supposedly had his main support; and
7. Intimidation of our monitors and agents.

Madam Chairperson, our expectation was that you were going to offer solid and impartial leadership of the Commission and steer the process to ensure free and fair elections. Instead, it is blatantly clear that you showed your preference for Prof Mutharika in the manner you dealt with queries and complaints and in your general conduct.

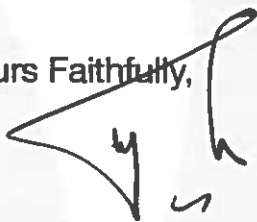
We have witnesses who are willing to testify on record that:

- i. You told members of staff of the Commission that you would be grateful if they helped you ensure that Prof Mutharika gets re-elected. You specifically mentioned that you did not want Rev. Dr. Chakwera to be elected because his running mate is a Muslim. You further told them that I am too ambitious and hence not fit to be elected;
- ii. You led pro-Mutharika members of the Commission into celebrations when the bogus results started showing that he was leading;
- iii. You attended a private celebration party for Prof Mutharika and his supporters and followers; and
- iv. At various press conferences, you lied to the nation that we did not submit complaints and queries and that any queries that were submitted by others (147 in total, according to you) were resolved.

Clearly, you are compromised and cannot discharge your sacred duties as independently as provided for in the relevant laws.

As such, we request you to resign within the next 5 days failing which we shall take further action to ensure that the Commission is headed by a person befitting.

Yours Faithfully,



Rt. Hon. Dr. Saulos K. Chilima, PhD  
President, UTM