GERMAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Republic of Malawi
Federal Republic of Germany

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Mr. Bob Prouty
FTI Secretariat
c/o The World Bank – G 8-800
1818 H Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. USA

Dear Bob Prouty,

Re: **Endorsement of Malawi's Education Sector Implementation Plan (2009-2013) and Financial Framework 2009-2013**

On behalf of the Malawi Local Education Donor Group we submit our appraisal and endorsement of Malawi's application to the Education for All Fast Track Initiative Catalytic Fund.

The Development Partners have positively appraised the Government of Malawi's Education Sector Implementation Plan (ESIP) 2009-2013, as the operational document based on the National Education Sector Plan (NESP) 2008-2017. We therefore propose that the Education Sector Implementation Plan be endorsed by the FTI Partnership. The NESP is currently funded by the local donor group through a variety of projects and general budget support. A sector pool fund is currently in its final stage of endorsement by the Government before being signed by a majority of local donors.

Malawi and its Development Partners also request FTI assistance in mobilising the additional funds required to meet the education MDGs and EFA targets through donor headquarter agencies and through the Catalytic Fund. We would like the FTI Partnership to consider mobilising an additional US$ 90 million over a three-year period up to 2013 with commitments to 2015 where possible. In view of the capacity constraints in the sector and the Government's plans to overcome them we request the assistance of the FTI partnership for three annual tranches of US$ 15, 30 and 45 million.

The full list of Development Partners including signatures to formalise their endorsement is attached together with the Malawi Local Donor Group's Appraisal and Endorsement to this letter.

Sincerely,

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German Development Cooperation
(Chair, Local Education Donor Group)

CC: Education Sector Development Partner Group
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