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MALAWI'S STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 3

**PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES**

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Mr President,

Malawi welcomes this panel discussion. Malawi's development plan, Malawi 2063 is premised on the ideal of the social, economic development of ALL of our people. This inclusive approach has led to radical changes to land ownership laws, to ensure that people in rural areas, especially have access to secure land ownership.

We have also taken steps to encourage all peoples of different cultural and tribal backgrounds to freely exercise and promote their cultures, and ways of lives.

Malawi regards indigenous technical and scientific knowledge highly and is keen on consolidating, attributing developmental information in a manner that legally protects and economically benefits all communities groups.

I thank you.