

**MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE COMPACT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**ACTING THROUGH**

**THE MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION**

**AND**

**THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI**

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# MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE COMPACT

## PREAMBLE

This MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE COMPACT (this “*Compact*”) is between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a United States government corporation (“*MCC*”), and the Republic of Malawi (“*Malawi*”), acting through its government (the “*Government*”) (individually a “*Party*” and collectively, the “*Parties*”). Capitalized terms used in this Compact will have the meanings provided in Annex V.

Recognizing that the Parties are committed to the shared goals of promoting economic growth and the elimination of extreme poverty in Malawi and that MCC assistance under this Compact supports Malawi’s demonstrated commitment to strengthening good governance, economic freedom and investments in people;

Recalling that the Government consulted with the private sector and civil society of Malawi to determine the priorities for the use of Millennium Challenge Corporation assistance and developed and submitted to MCC a proposal for such assistance to achieve lasting economic growth and poverty reduction;

Understanding that MCC wishes to help Malawi implement the program described herein (as such description may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof, the “*Program*”) to counter a key binding constraint to sustained growth and diversification in the Malawi economy; and

Acknowledging that to implement the Program, MCC wishes to make available to the Government an amount not to exceed Three Hundred and Fifty Million Seven Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (US\$350,700,000), subject to the terms and conditions of this Compact;

The Parties hereby agree as follows:

## ARTICLE 1.

### GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1.1 Compact Goal. The goal of this Compact is to reduce poverty through economic growth in Malawi (the “*Compact Goal*”).

Section 1.2 Program Objective. The collective objective of the Program (the “*Program Objective*”) is to (i) increase investment and employment income by raising the profitability and productivity of enterprises, (ii) expand access to electricity for the Malawian people and businesses, and (iii) improve delivery of social services.

Section 1.3 Project Objective. To achieve the Program Objective, the Government will implement the Power Sector Revitalization Project described in Annex I (the “*Project*”) with the assistance of MCC. The objective of the Project is to improve the availability, reliability, and quality of the power supply by increasing the throughput capacity and stability of the national electricity grid, increase efficiency of hydropower generation, and create an enabling

environment for future expansion by strengthening sector institutions and enhancing regulation and governance of the sector (the “*Project Objective*”).

## ARTICLE 2. FUNDING AND RESOURCES

### Section 2.1 Program Funding.

Upon entry into force of this Compact in accordance with Section 7.3, MCC will grant to the Government, under the terms of this Compact, an amount not to exceed Three Hundred and Forty One Million Five Hundred and Eighty Thousand United States Dollars (US\$341,580,000) (“*Program Funding*”) for use by the Government to implement the Program. The allocation of Program Funding is generally described in Annex II.

### Section 2.2 Compact Implementation Funding.

(a) Upon signing of this Compact, MCC will grant to the Government, under the terms of this Compact and in addition to the Program Funding described in Section 2.1, an amount not to exceed Nine Million One Hundred and Twenty Thousand United States Dollars (US\$9,120,000) (“*Compact Implementation Funding*”) under Section 609(g) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended (the “*MCA Act*”), for use by the Government to facilitate implementation of the Compact, including for the following purposes:

- (i) financial management and procurement activities;
- (ii) administrative activities (including start-up costs such as staff salaries) and administrative support expenses such as rent, computers and other information technology or capital equipment;
- (iii) monitoring and evaluation activities;
- (iv) feasibility and any remaining project preparatory studies; and
- (v) other activities to facilitate Compact implementation as approved by MCC.

The allocation of Compact Implementation Funding is generally described in Annex II.

(b) Each Disbursement (as defined below) of Compact Implementation Funding is subject to satisfaction of the conditions precedent to such Disbursement as set forth in Annex IV.

(c) If MCC determines that the full amount of Compact Implementation Funding available under Section 2.2(a) exceeds the amount that reasonably can be utilized for the purposes set forth in Section 2.2(a), MCC, by written notice to the Government, may withdraw the excess amount, thereby reducing the amount of the Compact Implementation Funding available under Section 2.2(a) (such excess, the “*Excess CIF Amount*”). In such event, the amount of Compact Implementation Funding granted to the Government under Section 2.2(a) will be reduced by the Excess CIF Amount, and MCC will have no further obligations with respect to such Excess CIF Amount.

(d) Upon the written request of the Government, MCC may grant to the Government an amount equal to all or a portion of such Excess CIF Amount as an increase in the Program Funding. Such grant of additional Program Funding will be in writing and subject to the terms and conditions of this Compact applicable to Program Funding.

### Section 2.3 MCC Funding.

Program Funding and Compact Implementation Funding are collectively referred to in this Compact as “**MCC Funding**”, and includes any refunds or reimbursements of Program Funding or Compact Implementation Funding paid by the Government in accordance with this Compact.

### Section 2.4 Disbursement.

In accordance with this Compact and the Program Implementation Agreement, MCC will disburse MCC Funding for expenditures incurred in furtherance of the Program (each instance, a “**Disbursement**”). Subject to the satisfaction of all applicable conditions precedent, the proceeds of Disbursements will be made available to the Government, at MCC’s sole election, by (a) deposit to one or more bank accounts established by the Government and acceptable to MCC (each, a “**Permitted Account**”) or (b) direct payment to the relevant provider of goods, works or services for the implementation of the Program. MCC Funding may be expended only for Program expenditures.

### Section 2.5 Interest.

Unless MCC agrees otherwise in writing, the Government will pay or transfer to MCC, in accordance with the Program Implementation Agreement, any interest or other earnings that accrue on MCC Funding prior to such funding being used for a Program purpose.

### Section 2.6 Government Resources; Budget.

(a) The Government will provide all funds and other resources, and will take all actions, that are necessary to carry out the Government’s responsibilities under this Compact.

(b) The Government will use its best efforts to ensure that all MCC Funding it receives or is projected to receive in each of its fiscal years is fully accounted for in its annual budget on a multi-year basis.

(c) The Government will not reduce the normal and expected resources that it would otherwise receive or budget from sources other than MCC for the activities contemplated under this Compact and the Program.

(d) Unless the Government discloses otherwise to MCC in writing, MCC Funding will be in addition to the resources that the Government would otherwise receive or budget for the activities contemplated under this Compact and the Program.

### Section 2.7 Limitations on the Use of MCC Funding.

The Government will ensure that MCC Funding is not used for any purpose that would violate United States law or policy, as specified in this Compact or as further notified to the Government

in writing or by posting from time to time on the MCC website at www.mcc.gov (the “**MCC Website**”), including but not limited to the following purposes:

(a) for assistance to, or training of, the military, police, militia, national guard or other quasi-military organization or unit;

(b) for any activity that is likely to cause a substantial loss of United States jobs or a substantial displacement of United States production;

(c) to undertake, fund or otherwise support any activity that is likely to cause a significant environmental, health, or safety hazard, as further described in MCC’s environmental and social assessment guidelines and any guidance documents issued in connection with the guidelines posted from time to time on the MCC Website or otherwise made available to the Government (collectively, the “**MCC Environmental Guidelines**”); or

(d) to pay for the performance of abortions as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions, to pay for the performance of involuntary sterilizations as a method of family planning or to coerce or provide any financial incentive to any person to undergo sterilizations or to pay for any biomedical research which relates, in whole or in part, to methods of, or the performance of, abortions or involuntary sterilization as a means of family planning.

#### Section 2.8 Taxes.

(a) Unless the Parties specifically agree otherwise in writing, the Government will ensure that all MCC Funding is free from the payment or imposition of any existing or future taxes, duties, levies, contributions or other similar charges (but not fees or charges for services that are generally applicable in Malawi, reasonable in amount and imposed on a non-discriminatory basis) (“**Taxes**”) of or in Malawi (including any such Taxes imposed by a national, regional, local or other governmental or taxing authority of or in Malawi). Specifically, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, MCC Funding will be free from the payment of (i) any tariffs, customs duties, import taxes, export taxes, and other similar charges on any goods, works or services introduced into Malawi in connection with the Program, (ii) sales tax, value added tax, excise tax, property transfer tax or stamp duty tax, and other similar charges on any transactions involving goods, works or services in connection with the Program, (iii) taxes and other similar charges on ownership, possession or use of any property in connection with the Program, and (iv) taxes and other similar charges on income, profits or gross receipts attributable to work performed in connection with the Program and related social security taxes and other similar charges on all natural or legal persons performing work in connection with the Program except (1) natural persons who are citizens or residents of Malawi and (2) legal persons formed under the laws of Malawi (but excluding MCA-Malawi and any other entity formed for the purpose of implementing the Government’s obligations hereunder).

(b) The mechanisms that the Government will use to implement the tax exemption required by Section 2.8(a) will be set forth in the Program Implementation Agreement (the “**Tax Schedules**”). Such mechanisms may include exemptions from the payment of Taxes that have been granted in accordance with applicable law, refund or reimbursement of Taxes by the Government to MCC, MCA-Malawi or to the taxpayer, or payment by the Government to MCA-Malawi or MCC, for the benefit of the Program, of an agreed amount representing any collectible Taxes on the items described in Section 2.8(a).

(c) If a Tax has been paid contrary to the requirements of Section 2.8(a) or the Tax Schedules, the Government will refund promptly to MCA-Malawi (or to another party as designated by MCC) the amount of such Tax in Malawi Kwacha and MCA-Malawi will refund that amount in US Dollars to MCC, unless otherwise provided by MCC, within sixty (60) days (or such other period as may be agreed in writing by the Parties) after the Government is notified in writing (whether by MCC or MCA-Malawi) that such Tax has been paid. If the amount of such Tax is converted to US Dollars from Malawi Kwacha, the rate of exchange applicable to such conversion shall be the US Dollar-Malawi Kwacha rate of exchange as published by the Reserve Bank of Malawi on the date of transfer.

(d) In the event the Government fails to make a payment, including any refund, reimbursement, or other payment that falls hereunder in full when due (including VAT or other refund or reimbursement), interest shall be paid on such past due amount at a rate of the then current US Treasury Prompt Pay Interest Rate, calculated on a daily basis and a 360-day year from the due date of such payment until such amount is paid.

(e) No MCC Funding, proceeds thereof or Program Assets may be applied by the Government in satisfaction of its obligations under Section 2.8(c).

### **ARTICLE 3. IMPLEMENTATION**

Section 3.1 Program Implementation Agreement. The Parties will enter into an agreement providing further detail on the implementation arrangements, fiscal accountability and disbursement and use of MCC Funding, among other matters (the “**Program Implementation Agreement**” or “**PIA**”); and the Government will implement the Program in accordance with this Compact, the PIA, any other Supplemental Agreement and any Implementation Letter.

Section 3.2 Government Responsibilities.

(a) The Government has principal responsibility for overseeing and managing the implementation of the Program.

(b) The Government will create and designate MCA-Malawi, a public trust to be created under the laws of Malawi, as the accountable entity to implement the Program and to exercise and perform the Government’s right and obligation to oversee, manage and implement the Program, including without limitation, managing the implementation of the Project and its Activities, allocating resources and managing procurements. MCA-Malawi will have the authority to bind the Government with regard to all Program activities. The designation contemplated by this Section 3.2(b) will not relieve the Government of any obligations or responsibilities hereunder or under any related agreement, for which the Government remains fully responsible. MCC hereby acknowledges and consents to the designation in this Section 3.2(b).

(c) The Government will ensure that any Program Assets or services funded in whole or in part (directly or indirectly) by MCC Funding are used solely in furtherance of this Compact and the Program unless MCC agrees otherwise in writing.

(d) The Government will take all necessary or appropriate steps to achieve the Program Objective and the Project Objective during the Compact Term (including, without limiting Section 2.6(a), funding all costs that exceed MCC Funding and are required to carry out the terms hereof and achieve such objectives, unless MCC agrees otherwise in writing).

(e) The Government will fully comply with the Program Guidelines, as applicable, in its implementation of the Program.

Section 3.3 Policy Performance. In addition to undertaking the specific policy, legal and regulatory reform commitments identified in Annex I, the Government will seek to maintain and to improve its level of performance under the policy criteria identified in Section 607 of the MCA Act, and the selection criteria and methodology used by MCC.

Section 3.4 Accuracy of Information. The Government assures MCC that, as of the date this Compact is signed by the Government, the information provided to MCC by or on behalf of the Government in the course of reaching agreement with MCC on this Compact is true, correct and complete in all material respects.

Section 3.5 Implementation Letters. From time to time, MCC may provide guidance to the Government in writing on any matters relating to this Compact, MCC Funding or implementation of the Program (each, an “**Implementation Letter**”). The Government will apply such guidance in implementing the Program. The Parties may also issue jointly agreed-upon Implementation Letters to confirm and record their mutual understanding on aspects related to the implementation of this Compact, the PIA or other related agreements.

Section 3.6 Procurement. The Government will ensure that the procurement of all goods, works and services by the Government or any Provider to implement the Program will be consistent with the “MCC Program Procurement Guidelines” posted from time to time on the MCC Website (the “**MCC Program Procurement Guidelines**”). The MCC Program Procurement Guidelines include the following requirements, among others:

(a) open, fair, and competitive procedures must be used in a transparent manner to solicit, award and administer contracts and to procure goods, works and services;

(b) solicitations for goods, works, and services must be based upon a clear and accurate description of the goods, works and services to be acquired;

(c) contracts must be awarded only to qualified contractors that have the capability and willingness to perform the contracts in accordance with their terms on a cost effective and timely basis; and

(d) no more than a commercially reasonable price, as determined, for example, by a comparison of price quotations and market prices, will be paid to procure goods, works and services.

Section 3.7 Records; Accounting; Covered Providers; Access.

(a) Government Books and Records. The Government will maintain, and will use its best efforts to ensure that all Covered Providers maintain, accounting books, records, documents and other evidence relating to the Program adequate to show, to MCC’s satisfaction, the use of

all MCC Funding and the implementation and results of the Program (“**Compact Records**”). In addition, the Government will furnish or cause to be furnished to MCC, upon its request, originals or copies of such Compact Records.

(b) Accounting. The Government will maintain and will use its best efforts to ensure that all Covered Providers maintain Compact Records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles prevailing in the United States, or at the Government’s option and with MCC’s prior written approval, other accounting principles, such as those (i) prescribed by the International Accounting Standards Board, or (ii) then prevailing in Malawi. Compact Records must be maintained for at least five (5) years after the end of the Compact Term or for such longer period, if any, required to resolve any litigation, claims or audit findings or any applicable legal requirements.

(c) Providers and Covered Providers. Unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing, a “**Provider**” is (i) any entity of the Government that receives or uses MCC Funding or any other Program Asset in carrying out activities in furtherance of this Compact or (ii) any third party that receives at least US\$50,000 in the aggregate of MCC Funding (other than as salary or compensation as an employee of an entity of the Government) during the Compact Term. A “**Covered Provider**” is (i) a non-United States Provider that receives (other than pursuant to a direct contract or agreement with MCC) US\$300,000 or more of MCC Funding in any Government fiscal year or any other non-United States person or entity that receives, directly or indirectly, US\$300,000 or more of MCC Funding from any Provider in such fiscal year, or (ii) any United States Provider that receives (other than pursuant to a direct contract or agreement with MCC) US\$500,000 or more of MCC Funding in any Government fiscal year or any other United States person or entity that receives, directly or indirectly, US\$500,000 or more of MCC Funding from any Provider in such fiscal year.

(d) Access. Upon MCC’s request, the Government, at all reasonable times, will permit, or cause to be permitted, authorized representatives of MCC, an authorized Inspector General of MCC (“**Inspector General**”), the United States Government Accountability Office, any auditor responsible for an audit contemplated herein or otherwise conducted in furtherance of this Compact, and any agents or representatives engaged by MCC or the Government to conduct any assessment, review or evaluation of the Program, the opportunity to audit, review, evaluate or inspect facilities, assets and activities funded in whole or in part by MCC Funding.

### Section 3.8 Audits; Reviews.

(a) Government Audits. Except as the Parties may agree otherwise in writing, the Government will, on at least a semi-annual basis, conduct, or cause to be conducted, financial audits of all disbursements of MCC Funding covering the period from signing of this Compact until the earlier of the following December 31 or June 30 and covering each six-month period thereafter ending December 31 and June 30, through the end of the Compact Term. In addition, upon MCC’s request, the Government will ensure that such audits are conducted by an independent auditor approved by MCC and named on the list of local auditors approved by the Inspector General or a United States–based certified public accounting firm selected in accordance with the “Guidelines for Financial Audits Contracted by MCA” (the “**Audit Guidelines**”) issued and revised from time to time by the Inspector General, which are posted on the MCC Website. Audits will be performed in accordance with the Audit Guidelines and be subject to quality assurance oversight by the Inspector General. Each audit must be completed

and the audit report delivered to MCC no later than 90 days after the first period to be audited and no later than 90 days after each June 30 and December 31 thereafter, or such other period as the Parties may otherwise agree in writing.

(b) Audits of Other Entities. The Government will ensure that MCC financed agreements between the Government or any Provider, on the one hand, and (i) a United States nonprofit organization, on the other hand, state that the United States nonprofit organization is subject to the applicable audit requirements contained in OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," issued by the United States Office of Management and Budget; (ii) a United States for-profit Covered Provider, on the other hand, state that the United States for-profit organization is subject to audit by the applicable United States Government agency, unless the Government and MCC agree otherwise in writing; and (iii) a non-US Covered Provider, on the other hand, state that the non-US Covered Provider is subject to audit in accordance with the Audit Guidelines.

(c) Corrective Actions. The Government will use its best efforts to ensure that each Covered Provider (i) takes, where necessary, appropriate and timely corrective actions in response to audits, (ii) considers whether the results of the Covered Provider's audit necessitates adjustment of the Government's records, and (iii) permits independent auditors to have access to its records and financial statements as necessary.

(d) Audit by MCC. MCC will have the right to arrange for audits of the Government's use of MCC Funding.

(e) Cost of Audits, Reviews or Evaluations. MCC Funding may be used to fund the costs of any audits, reviews or evaluations required under this Compact.

#### **ARTICLE 4. COMMUNICATIONS**

Section 4.1 Communications. Any document or communication required or submitted by either Party to the other under this Compact must be in writing and in English. For this purpose, the address of each Party is set forth below.

To MCC:

Millennium Challenge Corporation  
Attention: Vice President, Compact Operations  
(with a copy to the Vice President and General Counsel)  
875 Fifteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005  
United States of America  
Facsimile: (202) 521-3700  
Telephone: (202) 521-3600  
Email: VPOperations@mcc.gov (Vice President, Compact Operations)  
VPGeneralCounsel@mcc.gov (Vice President and General Counsel)

To the Government:

Ministry of Finance

Attention: Minister of Finance

(with copies to the (a) Secretary to the Treasury and (b) Chief Secretary to the Government)

Capital Hill

Lilongwe, Malawi

Tel: +265-1788030

Fax: +265-1788384

Email: secmof@finance.gov.mw

To MCA-Malawi:

Upon establishment of MCA-Malawi, MCA-Malawi will notify the Parties of its contact details.

Section 4.2 Representatives. For all purposes of this Compact, the Government will be represented by the individual holding the position of, or acting as, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Malawi, and MCC will be represented by the individual holding the position of, or acting as, Vice President, Compact Operations (each of the foregoing, a “**Principal Representative**”). Each Party, by written notice to the other Party, may designate one or more additional representatives (each, an “**Additional Representative**”). A Party may change its Principal Representative to a new representative that holds a position of equal or higher authority upon written notice to the other Party.

Section 4.3 Signatures. Signatures to this Compact and to any amendment to this Compact will be original signatures appearing on the same page or in an exchange of letters or diplomatic notes. With respect to all documents arising out of this Compact (other than the Program Implementation Agreement) and amendments thereto, signatures may, as appropriate, be delivered by facsimile or electronic mail and in counterparts and will be binding on the Party delivering such signature to the same extent as an original signature would be.

## ARTICLE 5.

### TERMINATION; SUSPENSION; EXPIRATION

Section 5.1 Termination; Suspension.

(a) Either Party may terminate this Compact in its entirety by giving the other Party thirty (30) days’ prior written notice.

(b) MCC may, immediately, upon written notice to the Government, suspend or terminate this Compact or MCC Funding, in whole or in part, and any obligation related thereto, if MCC determines that any circumstance identified by MCC, as a basis for suspension or termination (whether in writing to the Government or by posting on the MCC Website) has occurred, which circumstances include but are not limited to the following:

(i) the Government fails to comply with its obligations under this Compact or any other agreement or arrangement entered into by the Government in connection with this Compact or the Program;

(ii) an event or series of events has occurred that makes it probable that the Program Objective or the Project Objective will not be achieved during the Compact Term or that the Government will not be able to perform its obligations under this Compact;

(iii) a use of MCC Funding or continued implementation of this Compact or the Program violates applicable law or United States Government policy, whether now or hereafter in effect;

(iv) the Government or any other person or entity receiving MCC Funding or using Program Assets is engaged in activities that are contrary to the national security interests of the United States;

(v) an act has been committed or an omission or an event has occurred that would render Malawi ineligible to receive United States economic assistance under Part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2151 *et seq.*), by reason of the application of any provision of such act or any other provision of law;

(vi) the Government has engaged in a pattern of actions inconsistent with the criteria used to determine the eligibility of Malawi for assistance under the MCA Act; and

(vii) the Government or another person or entity receiving MCC Funding or using Program Assets is found to have been convicted of a narcotics offense or to have been engaged in drug trafficking.

#### Section 5.2 Consequences of Termination, Suspension or Expiration.

(a) Upon the suspension or termination, in whole or in part, of this Compact or any MCC Funding, or upon the expiration of this Compact, the provisions of Section 4.2 of the Program Implementation Agreement will govern the post-suspension, post-termination or post-expiration treatment of MCC Funding, any related Disbursements and Program Assets. Any portion of this Compact, MCC Funding, the Program Implementation Agreement or any other Supplemental Agreement that is not suspended or terminated will remain in full force and effect.

(b) MCC may reinstate any suspended or terminated MCC Funding under this Compact if MCC determines that the Government or other relevant person or entity has committed to correct each condition for which MCC Funding was suspended or terminated.

#### Section 5.3 Refunds; Violation.

(a) If any MCC Funding, any interest or earnings thereon, or any Program Asset is used for any purpose in violation of the terms of this Compact, then MCC may require the Government to repay to MCC in United States Dollars the value of the misused MCC Funding, interest, earnings, or asset, plus interest within thirty (30) days after the Government's receipt of MCC's request for repayment. Interest will accrue from the date of the violation and will be calculated at the 10-year U.S. Treasury Note rate prevailing as of the close of business in

Washington, D.C. as of the date of MCC's request for payment. The Government will not use MCC Funding, proceeds thereof or Program Assets to make such payment.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Compact or any other existing agreement to the contrary, MCC's right under Section 5.3(a) for a refund will continue during the Compact Term and for a period of (i) five (5) years thereafter or (ii) one (1) year after MCC receives actual knowledge of such violation, whichever is later.

Section 5.4 Survival. This Section 5.4 and the Government's responsibilities under Sections 2.7, 3.7, 3.8, 5.2, 5.3, and 6.4 will survive the expiration, suspension or termination of this Compact.

## ARTICLE 6.

### COMPACT ANNEXES; AMENDMENTS; GOVERNING LAW

Section 6.1 Annexes. Each annex to this Compact constitutes an integral part hereof, and references to "Annex" mean an annex to this Compact unless otherwise expressly stated.

Section 6.2 Amendments.

(a) The Parties may amend this Compact only by a written agreement signed by the Principal Representatives (or such other government official designated by the relevant Principal Representative).

(b) Notwithstanding Section 6.2(a), the Parties may agree in writing, signed by the Principal Representatives (or such other government official designated by the relevant Principal Representative) or any Additional Representative, to modify any Annex to (i) suspend, terminate or modify any Project or Activity, or to create a new project, (ii) change the allocations of funds as set forth in Annex II as of the date hereof (including to allocate funds to a new project), (iii) modify the Implementation Framework described in Annex I, or (iv) add, delete or waive any condition precedent described in Annex IV; *provided that*, in each case, any such modification (1) is consistent in all material respects with the Program Objective and Project Objective, (2) does not cause the amount of Program Funding to exceed the aggregate amount specified in Section 2.1 (as may be modified by operation of Section 2.2(d)), (3) does not cause the amount of Compact Implementation Funding to exceed the aggregate amount specified in Section 2.2(a), and (4) does not extend the Compact Term.

Section 6.3 Inconsistencies. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between:

(a) any Annex and any of Articles 1 through 7, such Articles 1 through 7, as applicable, will prevail; or

(b) this Compact and any other agreement between the Parties regarding the Program, this Compact will prevail.

Section 6.4 Governing Law. This Compact is an international agreement and will be governed by the principles of international law.

Section 6.5 Additional Instruments. Any reference to activities, obligations or rights undertaken or existing under or in furtherance of this Compact or similar language will include activities, obligations and rights undertaken by, or existing under or in furtherance of any agreement, document or instrument related to this Compact and the Program.

Section 6.6 References to MCC Website. Any reference in this Compact, the PIA or any other agreement entered into in connection with this Compact, to a document or information available on, or notified by posting on the MCC Website will be deemed a reference to such document or information as updated or substituted on the MCC Website from time to time.

Section 6.7 References to Laws, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines. Each reference in this Compact, the PIA or any other agreement entered into in connection with this Compact, to a law, regulation, policy, guideline or similar document will be construed as a reference to such law, regulation, policy, guideline or similar document as it may, from time to time, be amended, revised, replaced, or extended and will include any law, regulation, policy, guideline or similar document issued under or otherwise applicable or related to such law, regulation, policy, guideline or similar document.

Section 6.8 MCC Status. MCC is a United States government corporation acting on behalf of the United States Government in the implementation of this Compact. MCC and the United States Government assume no liability for any claims or loss arising out of activities or omissions under this Compact. The Government waives any and all claims against MCC or the United States Government or any current or former officer or employee of MCC or the United States Government for all loss, damage, injury, or death arising out of activities or omissions under this Compact, and agrees that it will not bring any claim or legal proceeding of any kind against any of the above entities or persons for any such loss, damage, injury, or death. The Government agrees that MCC and the United States Government or any current or former officer or employee of MCC or the United States Government will be immune from the jurisdiction of all courts and tribunals of Malawi for any claim or loss arising out of activities or omissions under this Compact.

## **ARTICLE 7.**

### **ENTRY INTO FORCE**

Section 7.1 International Agreement. Before this Compact enters into force, the Government will proceed in a timely manner to complete all of its domestic requirements for each of the Compact and the Program Implementation Agreement to enter into force as an international agreement.

Section 7.2 Conditions Precedent to Entry into Force. Before this Compact enters into force:

(a) The Program Implementation Agreement must have been signed by the parties thereto;

(b) The Government must have delivered to MCC:

(i) a letter signed and dated by the Principal Representative of the Government, or such other duly authorized representative of the Government acceptable to MCC, confirming that the Government has completed its domestic requirements for this

Compact to enter into force and that the other conditions precedent to entry into force in this Section 7.2 have been met.

(ii) a signed legal opinion from the Attorney General of Malawi (or such other legal representative of the Government acceptable to MCC), in form and substance satisfactory to MCC; and

(iii) complete, certified copies of all decrees, legislation, regulations or other governmental documents relating to the Government's domestic requirements for this Compact to enter into force and the satisfaction of Section 7.1, if any, which MCC may post on its website or otherwise make publicly available;

(c) MCC shall not have determined that after signature of this Compact, the Government has engaged in a pattern of actions inconsistent with the eligibility criteria for MCC Funding;

(d) The Government has delivered to MCC evidence, satisfactory to MCC, that it has fully funded a turnaround facility for Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi ("*ESCOM*") to meet ESCOM's working capital and investment capital needs for the Government's Fiscal Year 2012, as further described in Annex I to this Compact (the "*Turnaround Facility*");

(e) The Government will ensure that ESCOM has employed a professionally qualified Chief Executive Officer for ESCOM; and

(f) The Government will have delivered a schedule for the construction of the Kapichira II hydropower plant that is acceptable to MCC.

**Section 7.3 Date of Entry into Force.** This Compact will enter into force on the date of the letter from MCC to the Government in an exchange of letters confirming that MCC has completed its domestic requirements for entry into force of this Compact and that the conditions precedent to entry into force in Section 7.2 have been met.

**Section 7.4 Compact Term.** This Compact will remain in force for five (5) years after its entry into force, unless terminated earlier under Section 5.1 (the "*Compact Term*").

**Section 7.5 Provisional Application.** Upon signature of this Compact, and until this Compact has entered into force in accordance with Section 7.3, the Parties will provisionally apply the terms of this Compact; *provided that*, no MCC Funding, other than Compact Implementation Funding, will be made available or disbursed before this Compact enters into force.

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS ON THE NEXT PAGE**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this Compact.

Done at Lilongwe, Malawi, this 7th day of April, 2011, in the English language only.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
ACTING THROUGH THE MILLENNIUM  
CHALLENGE CORPORATION

THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI, ACTING  
THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

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## ANNEX I

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Annex I describes the Program that MCC Funding will support in Malawi during the Compact Term.

#### **A. PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

##### **1. Background and Consultative Process.**

###### **(a) Background.**

Malawi is a landlocked country in southeast Africa that gained independence in 1964 and has a population of approximately 13.8 million people. Although Malawi has seen economic growth average seven percent over the last six years, an estimated 51 percent of the population lives on less than US\$1.25 a day, and gross national income per capita stands at approximately US\$880 (purchasing power parity (“*PPP*”) adjusted). The economy remains heavily dependent on rain-fed agriculture and primary commodity exports, and sustained economic growth and development require increasing productivity of industry, agriculture, and services, as well as diversification of the economy.

Malawi’s economy faces numerous challenges, including a power sector that is one of the most severely constrained in sub-Saharan Africa. The economic costs of an unreliable and inadequate power supply, as well as the costs of inappropriate pricing and high technical and non-technical losses, are estimated at seven to nine percent of GDP. In order to improve the prospects for sustained growth, poverty reduction, and improved delivery of health and education services, the power sector must be stabilized and expanded. Building on its current efforts to reform the power sector, the Government seeks to invest in infrastructure, turn around its electricity utility – Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi (“*ESCOM*”) – and develop an enabling legal and regulatory environment for investment in the sector. The Program is designed to support these efforts and assist Malawi with the sector’s transformation.

###### **(b) Consultative Process.**

Malawi was deemed eligible for Compact assistance in 2007. To coordinate the Compact development process, the Government formed a core team (the “*MCA-Malawi Core Team*”) in March 2008 to work with MCC to develop the Program. In May 2008, the MCA-Malawi Core Team initiated an analysis of constraints to economic growth in Malawi, in collaboration with the World Bank, the U.K. Department for International Development and the African Development Bank. Pursuant to this analysis and an extensive consultative process with key stakeholders, the power sector was identified as a key constraint to economic growth in Malawi.

##### **2. Goal and Objectives.**

The Compact Goal is to reduce poverty through economic growth. The Program Objective is to increase investment and employment income by raising the profitability and productivity of enterprises, expand access to electricity for the Malawian people and businesses, and improve delivery of social services. The Project Objective is to improve the availability, reliability, and quality of the power supply by increasing the throughput capacity and stability of the national

electricity grid, increase efficiency of hydropower generation, and create an enabling environment for future expansion by strengthening sector institutions and enhancing regulation and governance of the sector.

### **3. Beneficiaries.**

By reducing power outages and technical losses, enhancing the sustainability and efficiency of hydropower generation, and increasing the potential kilowatt hours (“*kWh*”) of throughput to electricity consumers, the Program will reduce energy costs to enterprises and households, improve productivity in agriculture, manufacturing, and service sectors, and support the preservation and creation of employment opportunities in the economy. The Parties expect the Program to result in the following benefits and distribution thereof:

- An estimated 5 million individuals will benefit by year 20 after the Compact Term through reduced domestic and enterprise energy costs, increased employment income, and profits;
- An estimated US\$2.4 billion of income benefits to Malawi at the present discounted rate of 10 percent;
- An estimated 40 percent of beneficiaries are currently extremely poor, and 60 percent are poor<sup>1</sup>; and
- Extremely poor individuals will gain approximately US\$221 of benefits in PPP terms, and poor individuals will gain an average of US\$291 (estimates based on recent employment and electricity connection patterns, and incorporate effects of a modest rise in tariffs, to partly finance expanded access).

These estimated income benefits do not include the full value of improvements to the delivery of health and education services of improved power supply, but these are likely to be important both economically and socially. All projected results depend upon complementary investments in generation capacity, as well as the successful implementation of the infrastructure investments, the sustained turnaround of ESCOM, and the realization of power sector reforms.

### **B. POWER SECTOR REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

To advance the Program Objective, the Parties have designed a project to achieve a better-performing power sector with improved availability, reliability and quality of the power supply, increased efficiency of hydropower generation, and strengthened sector capacity and governance (the “*Power Sector Revitalization Project*”). Set forth below is a description of the Power Sector Revitalization Project that the Government will implement, or cause to be implemented, with support from MCC Funding.

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<sup>1</sup> “Extremely poor” is defined as living on the equivalent amount in 2010 of less than US\$1.25 per day 2005 PPP adjusted dollars, and “poor” is defined as living on less than US\$2.00 per day 2005 PPP adjusted dollars.

The Power Sector Revitalization Project consists of the following activities (each an “**Activity**”):

- Investing in infrastructure development, including investment by the Government in new generation, and MCC Funding for generation and increased transmission and distribution capacity (“**Infrastructure Development Activity**”); and
- Rebuilding ESCOM into a financially strong, well-managed utility and developing a regulatory environment that supports public and private investment in new generation capacity and expanded access (“**Power Sector Reform Activity**”).

### **1. Infrastructure Development Activity.**

The Infrastructure Development Activity will rehabilitate, upgrade and modernize ESCOM’s generation, transmission and distribution assets in most urgent need of repair, in order to preserve existing generation, improve the capability of the transmission system, and increase the efficiency and sustainability of hydropower generation. To facilitate the development and implementation of the Program, MCC is providing support for the Government’s ability to identify and prioritize investments in the sector by developing an integrated resource plan. MCC Funding will support significant investments in the power system infrastructure to preserve generation and stabilize and modernize the transmission and distribution network.

The Infrastructure Development Activity is only viable, technically and economically, if the Government and ESCOM maintain current generation assets and expand the generation capacity of the power system. Under the Infrastructure Development Activity, the Government will invest in new generation by completing the construction of the Kapichira II hydropower plant. Additionally, the Government will continue to seek to attract sustainable investment from the private sector and other donors to add significant amounts of new generation to the system.

The Parties expect that by the end of the Compact Term, the Infrastructure Development Activity, together with the Government’s commitment to complete construction of Kapichira II, will result in increases in generation capacity (from 286 MW to approximately 356 MW), network throughput capacity (from 260 MW to approximately 410 MW) and distribution capacity (from 868 MVA to approximately 1,078 MVA), and a reduction of total system losses from 20-25 percent to 18 percent.

#### (a) Integrated Resource Plan.

To facilitate the development and implementation of the Program, MCC is supporting the development of the Malawi 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (“**IRP**”) to enhance the Government’s efforts to add generation. The objective of the IRP is to identify a prioritized list of generation resources that can help the Government and ESCOM meet the increasing demands for power in a manner that balances the objective of least or low cost power to users and diversification of energy sources, and to increase the impact of the Project. The expected outcome of the IRP is an executed plan to target and secure increased investments in the power system.

#### (b) Nkula A Refurbishment Sub-Activity.

MCC Funding will support the refurbishment of the Nkula A hydropower plant, with the objective to improve the availability of power in Malawi by reducing outages caused by the

condition of the assets, and maximizing power output from Nkula A. The refurbishment will improve the reliability of the plant, extend its useful life, and thereby avoid a partial or total failure of the plant.

(c) Transmission Network Upgrade Sub-Activity.

This sub-activity is designed to upgrade the backbone of the transmission network to: (1) improve the quality and reliability of supply in the northern, central, and southern regions of the country; (2) increase the capacity to move power from the south where 98 percent of Malawi's power is generated to the central and northern regions; (3) reduce technical losses on transmission lines; and (4) provide a secure transmission link between the southern and central regions.

MCC Funding will support the following investments:

(i) 220kV high voltage power line (the transmission “backbone” of the Malawi power system as currently configured) from the Nkula B hydropower plant to Lilongwe, which covers the southern and central regions of Malawi; the section of the backbone from Bawi or Golomoti, as the case may be, to Lilongwe – subject to completion and results of a full feasibility study and environmental and social impact assessments; and

(ii) 132kV line parallel to existing 66kV and 33kV lines from Chitheche to Luwinga and from Luwinga to Bwengu in the northern region.

(d) Transmission and Distribution Upgrade, Expansion, and Rehabilitation Sub-Activity.

This sub-activity includes investments in the southern, central, and northern power systems of the Malawi power network. MCC Funding will support the following measures:

- (i) Upgrading (up-rating) of existing network connections (33kV, 11kV);
- (ii) Extension of existing substations (including 66kV);
- (iii) Up-rating of transformers in existing substations;
- (iv) Development of new substations;
- (v) Installation of improved protection systems;
- (vi) Provision of new network extensions and connections; and
- (vii) Installation of new controls and communication systems (SCADA).

(e) Environment and Natural Resource Management (“ENRM”) Sub-Activity.

The objective of the ENRM sub-activity is to help the Government and other relevant stakeholders address the growing problems of aquatic weed infestation and excessive sedimentation in the Shire River which cause costly disruptions to downstream power plant operations. MCC Funding will support the following measures:

(i) Mitigation of the impact of the weeds and sedimentation through mechanical and biological measures (in accordance with international best practices), including the purchase and use of dredgers and weed-harvesting equipment at existing hydropower plants and the Liwonde Barrage, and expanded use of upstream biological control measures; and

(ii) Development and implementation of an Environmental and Natural Resource Management Action Plan (“*ENRMAP*”), acceptable to MCC, that enables an improved understanding of the environmental, social (including gender), and economic factors that cause or contribute to weed infestation and sedimentation in the Shire River, and establishes a set of prioritized interventions based on economic, institutional, policy, legal, environmental and social criteria to increase capacity to address these factors, in collaboration with other donors and stakeholders.

The Parties expect that the ENRM sub-activity will decrease outages and increase electricity output at the Nkula, Tedzani, and Kapichira hydropower plants that are currently affected by invasive weeds and excessive sedimentation. The ENRM sub-activity is also expected to improve land use and watershed management practices in the Shire River basin to help resolve underlying environmental and social issues that affect hydropower, communities, and other users dependent on ecosystem services.

(f) Public Sector Power Sector Preservation and New Generation Investments.

An essential part of the Infrastructure Development Activity is the addition of new generation for the utilization of the new and upgraded transmission and distribution assets. The economic viability of MCC-funded investments is contingent on maintaining at least the current generation capacity of the power system (286 MW) during the Compact Term and then expanding it by at least 64 MW no later than the end of the Compact Term. In addition to this new generation, the Government expects to add significant generation to the system in the coming years, and MCC Funding will support planning and technical assistance through the IRP.

To achieve the preservation and new generation required under the Compact, the Government commits to meet milestones. Under the preservation milestones, the Government commits to taking all steps necessary to maintain current generation capacity in accordance with a plan developed by ESCOM in line with industry best practices, as acceptable to MCC. If the system’s generation capacity falls below 286 MW, unless caused by the temporary shutdown of plants for maintenance or rehabilitation or force majeure, the Government will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain interim replacement output. Under the new generation milestones, the Government commits to providing a construction schedule for the 64 MW Kapichira II hydropower plant (“*Kapichira II*”) prior to entry into force and completing construction by the end of the Compact Term. The Government will provide quarterly updates to MCC on the satisfaction of milestones of the Kapichira II construction schedule.

## **2. Power Sector Reform Activity.**

The Power Sector Reform Activity complements the Infrastructure Development Activity by providing support for the Government’s policy reform agenda and building capacity in pivotal sector institutions: ESCOM, the Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority or its successor (“*MERA*”), and the Ministry of Natural Resources Energy and Environment (“*MNREE*”). The Power Sector Reform Activity consists of two sub-activities: the ESCOM Turnaround sub-activity and the Regulatory Strengthening sub-activity.

(a) ESCOM Turnaround Sub-Activity.

The objectives of this sub-activity are to restore ESCOM's financial health and rebuild ESCOM into a financially strong, well-managed company. MCC Funding will support three main areas of the turnaround: finances, corporate governance and operations.

(i) Finances.

MCC Funding will support the provision of technical assistance and equipment to ESCOM, including: (1) development of a detailed financial plan for 2011-2016; (2) deployment of a financial turnaround team; (3) development of a non-technical loss reduction study; (4) assistance in rapid billings and collections improvements; (5) strengthening of internal controls; (6) rebuilding of the customer database; (7) pursuit of debt collection; (8) development of a new automated financial management system; (9) assistance with tariff applications to the regulator; and (10) assistance with fixed asset mapping.

The Government agrees that a detailed financial plan for ESCOM is at the core of understanding and resolving the current financial challenges of the company. With MCC assistance, the Government will develop a detailed financial plan (the "**Financial Plan**") designed to restore ESCOM to financial and operational sustainability. The Financial Plan will project the working and investment capital needs of ESCOM for the 2011-2016 fiscal years, as agreed to with MCC. The Financial Plan will be based upon key financial inputs, such as projected accounts receivables and payables, future maintenance and capital investment needs, tariff increase projections, planned operational efficiencies, annual results of operations pursuant to audited financial statements, and other inputs relevant to obtain sound projections of the budget support that the Government will provide, if required, through the Turnaround Facility. The Financial Plan will be updated on a quarterly basis with current ESCOM financial information, and will be approved by ESCOM's Board of Directors and the Government, as shareholder.

The Government will create and fund the ESCOM Turnaround Facility to support ESCOM's working capital and investment needs, as identified in the Financial Plan, during the Compact Term. The Government and MCC will identify specific milestones in the Malawi budget process and review progress leading up to the appropriation of funds for the Turnaround Facility. The Government will transfer to the Turnaround Facility, by the start of each ESCOM fiscal year (July-June) the required funding for that fiscal year to cover the maximum projected shortfall for ESCOM in working and investment capital under the Financial Plan. The Government will apportion this funding through the Government budget prior to the start of each fiscal year, beginning FY2011-2012. The ESCOM Board will control the use of funds disbursed from the Turnaround Facility. The funding and expenditure, if needed, of the Turnaround Facility in accordance with the Financial Plan will be a condition to Disbursement of continued MCC Funding.

The Government has converted a substantial portion of the debt owed to it by ESCOM into equity. Any remaining debt owed to the Government by ESCOM will be cleared from ESCOM's balance sheet no later than entry into force of the Compact. In addition, the Government will ensure that ESCOM restructures its third-party debt obligations in a manner that affords ESCOM a reasonable debt-service burden, consistent with the Financial Plan.

(ii) Corporate Governance.

To improve corporate governance and support the turnaround, MCC Funding will support: (1) recruitment services for key personnel; (2) twinning/mentoring arrangements or management contract support; (3) a performance management system; and (4) strategic planning by the board of directors of ESCOM (“*ESCOM Board*”). MCC funding will provide technical assistance on corporate performance standards, including a study on best practices and benchmarks for corporate governance of electric utilities with regional, continental and international benchmarks and recommendations for ESCOM no later than the end of the second year of the Compact Term (the “*Corporate Governance Benchmarking Study*”).

The Government will ensure that ESCOM employs a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) prior to entry into force of this Compact. The individual selected for CEO will have at least ten years of public utility management experience, preferably at the CEO level, and a professional qualification in engineering, business, or finance.

The Government recognizes that good corporate governance of ESCOM is essential for long-term performance of the company and commits to improve ESCOM’s corporate governance framework and practices. The Government will ensure that the ESCOM Board adheres to clear benchmarks for good corporate governance, including: (A) compliance with the requirements under Malawi’s Companies Act, Public Financial Management Act, Public Audit Act, and the Energy Laws; (B) adherence to Malawi Code II, including duties of care and loyalty to the corporation and restrictions on conflicts of interest and related party transactions; (C) following the Sector Guidelines for Parastatal Organizations (the most recent of the draft or final form); and (D) staggering of ESCOM Board terms.

The Government warrants that ESCOM has restructured its existing ESCOM Board committees to have the following three committees: (i) Finance and Audit Committee; (ii) Technical Committee; and (iii) Appointments and Remuneration Committee. The Government will ensure that future nominations and appointments to the ESCOM Board will be done in accordance with a framework established pursuant to Malawi’s Parastatals Reform Programme.

The Government will ensure that ESCOM submits and publishes its annual audited financial statements and annual reports to the relevant authorities, and will publish reports similar to those applicable to listed companies under Malawi’s Companies Act, all of which will be posted on ESCOM’s website. Quarterly reports will be made available to key stakeholders, including MCA-Malawi and MCC.

MCC Funding will support an annual performance audit of ESCOM operations. Prior to each audit, MCC and the Government will agree to the terms of reference based on standards for companies in Malawi, including Malawi Code II and the Companies Act. The Government will ensure that ESCOM takes appropriate corrective action to address any material weaknesses or recommendations identified through the audit.

To improve ESCOM’s coordination with the Government, the Government will designate and coordinate all interaction with ESCOM through its Department of Statutory Corporations or a replacement or successor Government ministry or agency (“*DSC*”). The Government will ensure that all Government interaction with and shareholder oversight of ESCOM will be coordinated through DSC.

(iii) Operations.

MCC Funding will support change management efforts, including developing organizational design, conducting performance management reviews, and designing human resources strategies. MCC Funding will support the procurement division by strengthening the internal control environment and developing policies and procedures to implement best practices in procurement. MCC Funding will support other operational assistance, including live wire repairs, asset management, occupational health and safety, safety and diagnostic equipment, and critical spare parts.

MCC Funding will also support the development of ESCOM's annual maintenance plan. The Government will ensure that ESCOM budgets and expends the amount set forth in the maintenance plan (based on a percentage of undepreciated asset value) for preventive maintenance of generation, transmission and distribution assets.

The GOM affirms that ESCOM will adhere to the Public Procurement Act of Malawi and the policies and procedures of the Government's Office of the Director of Public Procurement ("ODPP"). ESCOM will also take the following steps: (1) strengthen the Internal Procurement Committee as an effective manager and overseer of procurement; (2) develop procurement benchmarks and milestones; (3) restructure its procurement and stores management staff to streamline operations; (4) minimize redundancies and fill skill gaps; (5) conduct public outreach through an information campaign; (6) design and agree on a new procurement organization structure merging procurement and supply; (7) secure guidance from ODPP; (8) develop a formal process to draft annual procurement plans; and (9) review and restructure the stores function and conduct regular stock checks.

(b) Regulatory Strengthening Sub-Activity.

The Regulatory Strengthening sub-activity complements the Infrastructure Development Activity and the ESCOM Turnaround sub-activity by providing support for the Government's policy reform agenda and building capacity in pivotal sector institutions, MERA and MNREE. The objectives of the Regulatory Strengthening Sub-Activity are to develop a regulatory environment, consistent with best practices in independent power utility regulation, that support investment in generation and grid capacity at an affordable cost, with the potential participation of the private sector.

(i) Tariff Reform.

The Government understands that appropriate tariff levels are critical to ESCOM's financial recovery and the growth of the power sector. MCC Funding will support a cost of service study to determine appropriate tariff levels and schedules to achieve full cost recovery, more efficient utilization of electricity, and achievement of social objectives. Based on the results of this study, the Government agrees to a phased implementation of full-cost recovery tariffs and schedules according to a timeline to be determined by entry into force of the Compact. Without reducing current tariff levels, the phased implementation will ensure an incremental increase in the scope of tariff levels and schedules, that will begin with a tariff that permits recovery of operating costs, thereafter recovery of operating costs plus capital replacement charges, and by the end of the Compact Term recovery of capital replacement costs, capital replacement charges and capital expansion charges. This full-cost recovery tariff should include recovery of operating expenses, financing costs actually incurred by ESCOM, capital replacement charges and capital expansion

charges so that tariffs reflect ESCOM's long-run marginal costs. The Government will also seek to ensure adequate protection of poor and vulnerable groups through a lifeline tariff or other mechanism in a manner which is consistent with average total cost recovery and efficient utilization of electricity.

The Government will adopt the policy, legal and regulatory changes necessary to implement tariff reform, including: (1) rationalizing the five percent inflation fluctuation trigger and the four-year interval for review of base tariffs and tariff adjustment formula, so that tariffs may be adjusted on a basis that supports the viability of licensees; and (2) improving the components and definitions for the tariff adjustment components (collectively, the "***Tariff Indexation Framework***").

(ii) MERA Capacity Building.

MCC Funding will support capacity building at MERA to improve its regulatory oversight activities and operations. This work will include the development and implementation of training and mentoring of MERA staff, and complementary activities designed to develop MERA. MCC Funding will also assist MERA to develop peer relationships with other regulatory bodies or related organizations.

MCC Funding will be used to complete a study to support the Government's commitment to further develop independent and capable governance of MERA. This study will be completed by the end of the second year of the Compact Term. The study will focus on best practices and benchmarks for corporate governance for electricity regulators, including regional, continental and international benchmarks and recommendations for the future governance of MERA (the "***Sector Benchmarking Study***").

The Government will ensure that MERA develops new technical codes for transmission, distribution and metering to account for captive, cogeneration and other forms of generation. MERA will also develop new "use of system" charging mechanisms, implement the design for a bilateral market, and develop codes to implement existing legal provisions on third-party access to the transmission network. MCC Funding will support these activities through technical assistance.

The Government will consider changing the composition of the board of directors of MERA ("***MERA Board***"), to make the MERA Board and its governance procedures consistent with best practices for independent regulatory authorities in the region and internationally. Specifically, the Government will review the continued membership of *ex officio* directors and the appropriateness of cross-representation on power sector boards and potential conflicts of interest that may arise between the regulator and regulated entities through board membership, such as the presence of the Principal Secretary for Energy Affairs and the Director of Energy Affairs on the MERA Board. To the extent that Government *ex officio* members continue on the ESCOM and MERA Boards, the Government affirms its commitment to ensuring that the ESCOM and MERA Boards meet standards applicable to Malawi parastatals with respect to conflicts of interest and independent decision-making, that the *ex officio* directors on the MERA Board will continue to be non-voting members, and that regulatory rulings are transparent.

The Government will ensure that the scope of MERA's power sector responsibilities is limited to regulation and policy implementation, and not for policy development or the solicitation of new generation.

In recognition of another key indicator of their progress developing a model regulatory institution, the Government and MERA confirm that levies and other charges applicable under the Energy Laws are, and have been, sufficient to cover MERA's operating expenses. The Government will ensure that MERA will publish an annual report including audited financial statements, as required under the Energy Regulation Act. MCC Funding will be used to support MERA in its development, including development of an annual report.

(iii) Enabling Environment for Public and Private Sector Investment.

MCC Funding will support the Government's efforts to implement a suitable market model based on the studies performed in connection with the development of this Compact. MCC Funding will support MNREE's efforts to study and design (1) a single buyer model for the power sector ("**SBM Plan**"); and (2) the building blocks of a bilateral power trade market. MCC Funding will also assist with stakeholder education and outreach to support consumer organizations, industrial and commercial users, and other key players in advocating for improved service. In addition, MCC will seek to work with Parliament to strengthen its role in oversight of the power sector.

Based on the SBM Plan, the Government will create a single buyer, either ring-fenced within ESCOM, or a separate legal entity so that the single buyer's financial and system operation activities are autonomous from other ESCOM business units or government entities. Also, the Government will provide support to improve the credit worthiness of this single buyer. The Government will not unbundle ESCOM, except as otherwise provided herein, and shall not make effective the provisions in Section 4 and Parts IV and V of the Electricity Act that limit licenses to one license.

The Government will also clarify the Rural Electrification Act (the "**REA**") so that entities that pursue rural electrification activities without receiving funding from the Rural Electrification Fund are not subject to the REA's internal rate of return and megawatt size restrictions. The Government will also revise its National Energy Policy to allow charging of differential tariffs for off-grid electrification.

(c) Power Sector Reform Agenda Semi-Annual Review.

The Government and MCC will jointly supervise, through specific milestones, progress on the implementation of the Government's power sector reform agenda in the following areas: ESCOM finances; ESCOM operations; ESCOM corporate governance; tariff reform; MERA governance; and regulatory enabling environment for public and private sector participation (collectively, the "**Power Sector Reform Agenda**"). The Government and MCC have specified the milestones below, for which new capitalized terms are further defined in Annex III. Prior to entry into force of the Compact, the Parties will identify semi-annual benchmarks for each milestone. The parties will conduct a semi-annual review of progress on the Power Sector Reform Agenda. Corrective action, acceptable to MCC, as needed to ensure satisfactory progress, will be a condition of continued MCC Funding.

(i) ESCOM Finances.

The financial health of ESCOM will be tracked by setting and maintaining the following financial ratios and covenants:

- (1) Cost Recovery Ratio;
- (2) Current Ratio supported by cash flow statements;
- (3) Bad Debt Ratio;
- (4) Average Cost of Electricity Billed; and
- (5) ESCOM Billing and Collection Efficiency.

(ii) ESCOM Operations.

Improvements in the operations of ESCOM will be measured by the following areas:

- (1) Quantity of Electricity Metered;
- (2) Quantity of Electricity Billed;
- (3) Reduction in Losses;
- (4) Voltage Quality;
- (5) Maintenance Expenditures;
- (6) Reduced Outages; and
- (7) Annual Procurement Audit.

(iii) ESCOM Corporate Governance.

ESCOM corporate governance will be measured by ESCOM's performance on:

- (1) Corporate Governance Benchmarking Study;
- (2) Annual performance audit reports; and
- (3) Public annual report and audited financial statements.

(iv) Tariff Reform.

Progress on tariff reform will be phased and measured by:

- (1) Cost of service study;
- (2) Tariff levels and schedules;
- (3) Tariff Indexation Framework; and
- (4) Tariff design efficiency, including, a lifeline tariff.

(v) MERA Governance.

Improvements in MERA's governance and capacity will be tracked by:

- (1) Sector Benchmarking Study;
- (2) Peer review; and
- (3) Public annual report and audited financial statements.

(vi) Improved Market Structure for Private Investment.

Key milestones in the establishment of an enabling environment will be:

- (1) Single-buyer model formed; and
- (2) Legal framework for strengthened electricity market.

### **3. Environmental and Social Safeguards.**

The Project will be implemented in compliance with the MCC Environmental Guidelines and the MCC Gender Policy, and any resettlement will be carried out in accordance with the World Bank's Operational Policy on Involuntary Resettlement in effect as of July 2007 ("*OP 4.12*") in a manner acceptable to MCC. The Government also will ensure that the Project complies with all national environmental laws and regulations, licenses and permits, and applicable international conventions and treaties, except to the extent such compliance would be inconsistent with this Compact. Specifically, the Government will: (a) cooperate with or complete, as the case may be, any ongoing environmental assessments, or if necessary undertake and complete any additional environmental assessments, social assessments, environmental management plans, environmental and social audits, resettlement policy frameworks, and resettlement action plans required under the laws of Malawi, the MCC Environmental Guidelines, this Compact, the Program Implementation Agreement, or any Supplemental Agreement, or as otherwise required by MCC, each in form and substance satisfactory to MCC; (b) ensure that Project-specific environmental and social management plans are developed and all relevant measures contained in such plans are integrated into project design, the applicable procurement documents and associated finalized contracts, in each case, in form and substance satisfactory to MCC; and (c) implement to MCC's satisfaction appropriate environmental and social mitigation measures identified in such assessments or plans. Unless MCC agrees otherwise in writing, the Government will fund all necessary costs of environmental and social mitigation measures (including, without limitation, costs of resettlement) not specifically provided for or that exceed the MCC Funding specifically allocated for such costs in the Detailed Financial Plan for the Project.

To maximize the positive social impacts of the Project, address cross-cutting social and gender issues such as human trafficking, child and forced labor, and HIV/AIDS, and ensure compliance with the MCC Gender Policy, and to the extent that such does not conflict with MCC's Gender Policy, the Malawi National Gender Policy as ultimately adopted by the Government, the Government will: (i) develop a comprehensive social and gender integration plan which, at a minimum, performs a gender, institutional and policy review relevant to the Compact Project, identifies approaches for regular, meaningful and inclusive consultations with women and other

vulnerable/underrepresented groups, consolidates the findings and recommendations of Project-specific social and gender analyses and conducts additional gender analysis as needed, and sets forth strategies for incorporating findings of the social and gender analyses into final Project designs and additional targeted activities as appropriate (“***Social and Gender Integration Plan***”); (ii) ensure, through monitoring and coordination during implementation, that final Activity designs, construction tender documents and implementation plans are consistent with and incorporate the outcomes of the social and gender analyses and Social and Gender Integration Plan; and (iii) on an annual basis, review and update the Social and Gender Integration Plan as needed to reflect lessons learned and project-specific analysis.

During the development of the Compact, MCC and the Government assessed and identified the potential environmental and social impacts and risks of the Activities. Under the definitions articulated in MCC’s Environmental Guidelines, (1) the Infrastructure Development Activity is classified as a Category A project; (2) the Power Sector Reform Activity is a Category C project; and (3) the ENRM sub-activity is categorized as a Category B project. In addition to environmental risks, MCC has also identified certain social and gender-related and resettlement risks from the Activities.

Several measures have been taken to mitigate the risks associated with these Activities. Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (“***ESIAs***”) have been developed for the Infrastructure Development Activity, and additional environmental and social (including gender) analysis and mitigation planning will be carried out for certain activities of the Infrastructure Development Activity and the ENRM sub-activity. MCC will require appropriate storage and disposal, possibly outside of Malawi, of oil-contaminated soils, PCB-contaminated oils, soils and equipment, and other hazardous waste associated with implementation of the Infrastructure Development Activity. MCC Funding will be used to design and implement a hazardous waste management plan under the Infrastructure Development Activity. MCC will also require, and MCC Funding will support, measures to ensure appropriate disposal of weeds and sediment extracted from dredging and weed harvesting operations at the hydropower plants. The Government has identified potential sites for the disposal of weeds and sediment associated with implementation of the ENRM sub-activity and will require appropriate development and management of such sites.

To address resettlement risks, a Resettlement Policy Framework has been prepared to specify how resettlement planning and implementation will proceed in connection with the Compact Activities. This resettlement framework will attempt to minimize loss of land and immovable assets, and avoid physical displacement of residential and other structures. In the event an Activity triggers involuntary resettlement, MCC Funding will support the development of a resettlement action plan by MCA-Malawi in consultation with relevant Government entities, and such resettlement action plan will be submitted for approval to MCC.

The Compact will fund additional analysis of social and gender-related implications of the Activities. This analysis will build upon preliminary work conducted during Compact design to ensure that the Activities are implemented so as to address and integrate the needs of vulnerable groups, in adherence with MCC’s Gender Policy.

#### **4. Donor Coordination.**

MCC and the MCA-Malawi Core Team have sought development partners with complementary expertise on energy issues and whose further involvement could help ensure sustainability of the Compact. During Compact development, MCC's review of feasible investments identified approximately \$200 million more in beneficial projects than currently feasible under the Compact. Given MCC's inability to finance these otherwise important investments, MCC has discussed with the World Bank and the African Development Bank – the other key donors supporting the power sector in Malawi – the possibility of partnering to support a comprehensive power sector reform program. This reform program could also include sector institutional strengthening activities such as capacity building and technical assistance for the MNREE's Department of Energy.

MCC has also been in discussions with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) regarding creating an appropriate enabling environment for private sector and IFC investment. IFC recently funded a study that identified barriers to private sector investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities and scoped potential IFC investments. IFC's report identifies a critical need for technical assistance for the Government to establish an enabling environment in order to facilitate these energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities. As of November 2010, MCC is considering incorporating the IFC's recommendations in the policy, regulatory and legal framework strengthening activity currently supported under the Compact.

#### **5. USAID.**

While USAID does not currently play an active role in implementing this Compact, MCC is seeking USAID involvement to provide technical assistance for the power sector. MCC is investigating whether USAID's Africa Infrastructure Program (AIP) could potentially provide technical assistance to the Government of Malawi to assist them with structuring agreements with independent power producers and capacity building for MERA. In addition, MCC will coordinate its outreach initiatives with the Malawi parliament, media and civil society under the Regulatory Strengthening sub-activity with USAID's complementary governance and accountability initiatives under its Malawi Legislative Strengthening program.

#### **6. Sustainability.**

The Compact includes several measures to ensure sustainability of MCC's investment. As designed, both the Power Sector Reform Activity and the ENRM sub-activity are targeted to ensure sustainability of the Infrastructure Development Activity. In addition, the Infrastructure Development Activity includes certain sustainability safeguards such as requiring a certain percentage of asset value to be set aside for preventative maintenance.

Substantial progress on the Power Sector Reform Activity is essential to the magnitude and sustainability of the Compact investments in physical infrastructure, and to the sustained economic growth of Malawi. The Power Sector Reform Activity also addresses key structural issues in the power sector including tariff reform, creating an environment capable of attracting private sector investment, and ensuring the creation of a strong and independent energy sector regulator. These reform activities are structured both as covenants in the Compact and conditions to entry into force of the Compact, or will become conditions to disbursement in the

Program Implementation Agreement. Due to the weed and sedimentation problems plaguing Malawi's almost entirely hydropower-based generation facilities, the ENRM sub-activity will also provide necessary steps to ensure sustainability of the Compact.

In addition to the sustainability benefits inherent in the project design of the Power Sector Reform Activity and the ENRMAP, the sustainability of the Infrastructure Development Activity will also heavily depend on a robust maintenance regime for generation, transmission and distribution assets. As part of the Infrastructure Development Activity, MCC will require a certain percentage of its asset value be set aside for preventative maintenance of its MCC funded as well as other assets.

## **C. IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK**

### **1. Overview.**

The implementation framework and the plan for ensuring adequate governance, oversight, management, monitoring and evaluation, and fiscal accountability for the use of MCC Funding are summarized below. MCC and the Government will enter into the Program Implementation Agreement, and any other agreements in furtherance of this Compact, all of which, together with this Compact, set out certain rights, responsibilities, duties and other terms relating to the implementation of the Program.

### **2. MCC.**

MCC will take all appropriate actions to carry out its responsibilities in connection with this Compact and the Program Implementation Agreement, including the exercise of its approval rights in connection with the implementation of the Program.

### **3. MCA-Malawi.**

In accordance with Section 3.2(b) of this Compact, MCA-Malawi will act on the Government's behalf to implement the Program and to exercise and perform the Government's rights and responsibilities with respect to the oversight, management, monitoring and evaluation, and implementation of the Program, including, without limitation, managing the implementation of Projects and their Activities, allocating resources, and managing procurements. The Government will ensure that MCA-Malawi takes all appropriate actions to implement the Program, including the exercise and performance of the rights and responsibilities designated to it by the Government pursuant to this Compact and the Program Implementation Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, the Government will also ensure that MCA-Malawi has full decision-making autonomy, including, *inter alia*, the ability, without consultation with, or the consent or approval of, any other party, to: (1) enter into contracts in its own name; (2) sue and be sued; (3) establish Permitted Accounts in a financial institution in the name of MCA-Malawi and hold MCC Funding in such accounts; (4) expend MCC Funding; (5) engage a fiscal agent who will act on behalf of MCA-Malawi on terms acceptable to MCC; (6) engage one or more procurement agents who will act on behalf of MCA-Malawi, on terms acceptable to MCC, to manage the acquisition of the goods, works, and services required by MCA-Malawi to implement this Compact; and (7) competitively engage one or more auditors to conduct audits of its accounts. The Government will take the necessary actions to establish and maintain MCA-Malawi, in accordance with the terms hereof including the applicable conditions precedent to the Disbursement of Compact Implementation Funding set forth in Annex IV to this Compact.

MCA-Malawi will be administered and managed by a Board of Trustees and a Management Unit. In addition, MCA-Malawi will have a Stakeholders' Committee to continue the consultative process during implementation of the Program. MCA-Malawi will be incorporated through a trust deed under Malawi's Trustees Incorporation Act, which trust deed will be included in the Program Implementation Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "***MCA-Malawi Trust Deed***"), which will, collectively, set forth the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees, the Stakeholders' Committee and the Management Unit. The MCA-Malawi Trust Deed will be developed and adopted in accordance with MCC's Guidelines for Accountable Entities and Implementation Structures, published on the MCC Website (the "***Governance Guidelines***"), and will be in form and substance satisfactory to MCC. MCA-Malawi on behalf of the Government will administer the MCC Funding.

(a) Board of Trustees.

(i) Composition. MCA-Malawi will be governed by a board of trustees (the "***Board of Trustees***"), which will consist of voting members representing the Government, private sector, and civil society groups, as well as a non-voting representative of MCC as an observer. The appointment of the trustees will be articulated in the MCA-Malawi Trust Deed and will adhere to MCC's Governance Guidelines. Subject to further discussion, members representing the Government will include the Secretary of the Treasury, the Principal Secretary for Natural Resources Energy and Environment, and the Principal Secretary for Development Planning and Cooperation. Non-government members will be nominated by key private sector and civil society groups rather than by the Government, and may include but shall not be limited to the Council for Non-Governmental Organizations in Malawi (CONGOMA), the Economics Associations of Malawi (ECAMA), and the Malawi Confederated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MCCCI). There will be a minimum of seven trustees, and a maximum of nine trustees. The composition of the Board of Trustees will comply with the Governance Guidelines, to MCC's satisfaction.

(ii) Roles and Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Program and will have final decision-making authority and responsibility over the implementation of the Program. The Board of Trustees will meet regularly; the frequency of meetings will be set forth in the MCA-Malawi Trust Deed and will be in accordance with the Governance Guidelines. The specific roles of the voting members and non-voting observers will be set forth in the MCA-Malawi Trust Deed. The chairperson of the Board of Trustees will be selected by a majority vote of the Trustees. On at least an annual basis or as otherwise required by the Government, the Board of Trustees will report to the Government on the status and progress of the Compact regarding implementation, financial matters, procurements, and other matters identified by the Government.

(b) Stakeholders' Committee.

(i) Composition. A Stakeholders' Committee will be selected according to a process in accordance with the MCC's Governance Guidelines and the MCA-Malawi Trust Deed, as approved by MCC. Without limiting the foregoing, as required in MCC's Governance Guidelines, the Stakeholders' Committee will be composed of *inter alia*, representatives from non-governmental organizations, civil society, private sector, and local and regional government Program beneficiaries.

(ii) Roles and Responsibilities. Consistent with the Governance Guidelines, the Stakeholders' Committee will be responsible for continuing the consultative process throughout implementation of the Program. While the Stakeholders' Committee will not have any decision-making authority, it will be responsible for, *inter alia*, reviewing, at the request of the Board of Trustees or the Management Unit, certain reports, agreements, and documents related to the implementation of the Program in order to provide advice and input to MCA-Malawi regarding the implementation of the Program.

(c) Management Unit.

(i) Composition. The management unit, which will be led by a competitively selected Chief Executive Officer, will be composed of competitively selected staff with expertise in the key components of the Program, including, without limitation, a Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Legal Advisor, Human Resources Officer, Power Director, Communications and Outreach Director, Finance and Administration Director, ESA Director, Deputy Director for Social and Gender Issues, Procurement Director, Policy Specialist, M&E and Economics Director, and MIS Specialist (the "**Management Unit**"). The Management Unit will also include such other personnel as provided for in the MCA-Malawi Trust Deed. The directors will be supported by appropriate additional staff to enable the Management Unit to execute its roles and responsibilities.

(ii) Roles and Responsibilities. The Management Unit will be based in Lilongwe, Malawi, and will be responsible for day-to-day implementation of the Compact, with oversight from the Board of Trustees. The Management Unit will serve as the principal link between MCC and the Government, and will be accountable for the successful implementation of the Program, the Project, and each Activity. As a recipient of MCC Funding, MCA-Malawi will be subject to MCC audit requirements.

#### **4. Implementation Arrangements.**

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Compact and any related agreements entered into in connection with this Compact, MCC and the Government have identified certain institutions, including ESCOM, MERA and MNREE, that may receive technical assistance or other support under this Compact, and that, together with MCA-Malawi, will have key roles in the implementation of the Project and the Activities (each, a "**Project Partner**"). The Government will ensure that the roles and responsibilities of each Project Partner will be clearly articulated in an agreement between MCA-Malawi and the Project Partner, which agreement must be in form and substance satisfactory to MCC (each a "**Project Cooperation Agreement**").

The Government will ensure that ESCOM, as a Project Partner, will do the following in support of the Project: (a) provide access to its facilities and cooperate with MCA-Malawi, and its consultants (including the PMC as defined below); (b) dedicate key staff to the Project, including engineers, environmental, social and gender specialists, and monitoring and evaluation personnel; (c) bear any transportation costs and per diems and incidental expenses for any of its personnel who travel in connection with the Project; and (d) provide administrative and technical support and use of appropriate office space and facilities.

MCA-Malawi will contract a project management consultant ("**PMC**") to manage and supervise the implementation of the infrastructure portions of the Infrastructure Development Activity and will assist MCA-Malawi with technical evaluations and contract negotiations. The Project

Cooperation Agreement between MCA-Malawi and ESCOM will set forth the roles and responsibilities of each entity and any coordinating mechanisms to ensure that the PMC is able to successfully carry out its mandate. The PMC will also provide technical assistance to ESCOM with respect to project management.

**5. Fiscal Agent.**

Unless MCC otherwise agrees in writing, the Government, directly or through MCA-Malawi, will engage one or more fiscal agents (each a “*Fiscal Agent*”), who will be responsible for assisting the Government with fiscal management and ensuring appropriate fiscal accountability of MCC Funding. Duties of the Fiscal Agent will be set forth in the Program Implementation Agreement and in such agreement as the Government, directly or indirectly through MCA-Malawi, enters into with each Fiscal Agent, which agreement shall be in form and substance satisfactory to MCC.

**6. Procurement Agent.**

Unless MCC otherwise agrees in writing, the Government, directly or through MCA-Malawi, will engage one or more procurement agents (each as “*Procurement Agent*”) to conduct and certify specified procurement activities in furtherance of the Compact. The roles and responsibilities of the Procurement Agent will be clearly articulated in the Program Implementation Agreement and in such agreement as the Government, directly or indirectly through MCA-Malawi, enters into with each Procurement Agent, which agreement shall be in form and substance satisfactory to MCC. Each Procurement Agent will adhere to the standards set forth in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines and ensure that procurements are consistent with the procurement plan adopted by MCA-Malawi pursuant to the Program Implementation Agreement, unless MCC otherwise agrees in writing.

**ANNEX II**  
**MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN SUMMARY**

This Annex II summarizes the Multi-Year Financial Plan for the Program.

**1. General.**

A multi-year financial plan summary (“*Multi-Year Financial Plan Summary*”) is attached hereto as Exhibit A. By such time as specified in the PIA, the Government will adopt, subject to MCC approval, a multi-year financial plan that includes, in addition to the multi-year summary of estimated MCC Funding and the Government’s contribution of funds and resources, the annual and quarterly funding requirements for the Program (including administrative costs) and for the Project, projected both on a commitment and cash requirement basis.

**EXHIBIT A**  
**MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN SUMMARY**

COMPONENT	CIF	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
<b>1. POWER SECTOR REVITALIZATION PROJECT</b>							
<b>(a) Infrastructure Development Activity</b>	<b>2,978,000</b>	<b>12,134,000</b>	<b>80,191,000</b>	<b>80,715,000</b>	<b>64,344,000</b>	<b>42,638,000</b>	<b>283,000,000</b>
(i) Nkula A Refurbishment Sub-Activity	-	-	4,436,000	7,762,000	7,762,000	2,218,000	22,178,000
(ii) Transmission Network Upgrade Sub-Activity	1,712,000	6,843,000	48,862,000	45,151,000	35,280,000	25,531,000	163,379,000
(iii) T&D Upgrade, Expansion, and Rehabilitation Sub-Activity	740,000	2,590,000	19,090,000	19,675,000	15,377,000	11,086,000	68,558,000
(iv) Environment and Natural Resource Management Sub-Activity	526,000	1,588,000	6,133,000	7,910,000	5,925,000	3,803,000	25,885,000
(v) Resettlement: Action Plan Development and Implementation	-	1,113,000	1,670,000	217,000	-	-	3,000,000
<b>(b) Power Sector Reform Activity</b>	<b>3,352,000</b>	<b>4,470,000</b>	<b>4,469,000</b>	<b>4,470,000</b>	<b>4,469,000</b>	<b>4,470,000</b>	<b>25,700,000</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>6,330,000</b>	<b>16,604,000</b>	<b>84,660,000</b>	<b>85,185,000</b>	<b>68,813,000</b>	<b>47,108,000</b>	<b>308,700,000</b>
<b>2. CROSS-CUTTING SUPPORT</b>							
(a) Gender Integration	260,000	348,000	348,000	348,000	348,000	348,000	2,000,000
(b) Monitoring and Evaluation	387,000	2,259,000	1,073,000	1,073,000	858,000	1,350,000	7,000,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>647,000</b>	<b>2,607,000</b>	<b>1,421,000</b>	<b>1,421,000</b>	<b>1,206,000</b>	<b>1,698,000</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>
<b>3. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION</b>							
(a) MCA-Malawi Administration	2,143,000	3,607,000	3,602,000	3,899,000	3,940,000	4,076,000	21,267,000
(b) Financial Management and Procurement Controls	-	2,060,000	2,122,000	2,185,000	2,251,000	2,319,000	10,937,000
(c) Financial Audits	-	150,000	155,000	159,000	164,000	168,000	796,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>2,143,000</b>	<b>5,817,000</b>	<b>5,879,000</b>	<b>6,243,000</b>	<b>6,355,000</b>	<b>6,563,000</b>	<b>33,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPACT BUDGET</b>	<b>9,120,000</b>	<b>25,028,000</b>	<b>91,960,000</b>	<b>92,849,000</b>	<b>76,374,000</b>	<b>55,369,000</b>	<b>350,700,000</b>

## ANNEX III

### DESCRIPTION OF MONITORING AND EVALUATION PLAN

This Annex III (this “*M&E Annex*”) generally describes the components of the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (“*M&E Plan*”) for the Program. The actual content and form of the M&E Plan will be agreed to by MCC and the Government in accordance with MCC’s Policy for Monitoring and Evaluation of Compacts and Threshold Programs as posted from time to time on the MCC Website (the “*MCC Policy for Monitoring and Evaluation of Compacts and Threshold Programs*”). The M&E Plan may be modified as outlined in MCC’s Policy for Monitoring and Evaluation of Compacts and Threshold Programs with MCC approval without requiring an amendment to this Annex III.

#### 1. Overview.

MCC and the Government will formulate and agree to, and the Government will implement or cause to be implemented, an M&E Plan that specifies: (a) how progress toward the Compact Goal, Program Objective and Project Objective will be monitored (“*Monitoring Component*”); (b) a process and timeline for the monitoring of planned, ongoing, or completed Activities to determine their efficiency and effectiveness; and (c) a methodology for assessment and rigorous evaluation of the outcomes and impact of the Program (“*Evaluation Component*”). Information regarding the Program’s performance, including the M&E Plan, and any amendments or modifications thereto, as well as progress and other reports, will be made publicly available on the website of MCC, MCA-Malawi and elsewhere.

#### 2. Program Logic.

The M&E Plan will be built on a logic model which illustrates how the Program, Project and Activities contribute to the Compact Goal, the Program Objective and the Project Objective.

The goal of the Compact is to reduce poverty through economic growth. The Program Objective is to: (a) increase investment and employment income by raising the profitability and productivity of enterprises; (b) expand access to electricity for the Malawian people and businesses; and (c) improve delivery of social services. The outcomes of the Project Activities, otherwise referred to in the Compact as the Project Objective, are to improve the availability, reliability, and quality of the power supply by increasing the throughput capacity and stability of the national electricity grid, increase efficiency of hydropower generation, and create an enabling environment for future expansion by strengthening sector institutions and enhancing regulation and governance of the sector. These results are expected to contribute to Malawi’s own poverty-reduction and economic growth goals as defined in the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (“*MGDS*”).

#### 3. Monitoring Component.

To monitor progress toward the achievement of the impact and outcomes of the Compact, the Monitoring Component of the M&E Plan will identify: (1) the Indicators (as defined below), (2) the definitions of the Indicators, (3) the sources and methods for data collection, (4) the frequency for data collection, (5) the party or parties responsible for collecting and analyzing relevant data, and (6) the timeline for reporting on each Indicator to MCC.

Further, the Monitoring Component will track changes in the selected Indicators for measuring progress towards the achievement of the Program Objective and Project Objective during the Compact Term. MCC also intends to continue monitoring and evaluating the long-term impacts of the Compact even after Compact expiration. The M&E Plan will establish baselines which measure the situation prior to a development intervention, against which progress can be assessed or comparisons made (each a, “*Baseline*”). The Government will collect Baselines on the selected Indicators or verify already collected Baselines where applicable and as set forth in the M&E Plan.

(a) Indicators.

The M&E Plan will measure the results of the Program using quantitative, objective and reliable data (“*Indicators*”). Each Indicator will have benchmarks that specify the expected value and the expected time by which that result will be achieved (“*Target*”). All Indicators will be disaggregated by gender, income level and age, and beneficiary types to the extent practicable. Subject to prior written approval from MCC, the Government or MCA-Malawi may add Indicators or refine the definitions and Targets of existing Indicators.

(i) Compact Indicators.

(1) Goal. The M&E Plan will contain the following Indicators related to the Compact Goal. The Target of these Indicators is to contribute to the national goals specified in the MGDS. Although the Program contributes to these goals, satisfaction of these goals is not intended to be solely attributable to the Project:

- (A) Absolute poverty rate<sup>2</sup> nationwide: 35-40 percent living on less than US\$1.00 a day in 2010 to 33.3 percent by 2016; and
- (B) Absolute rural poverty rate nationwide: 40 percent living on less than US\$1.00 a day in 2010 to 36 percent by 2016.

(2) Other Indicators. The M&E Plan will contain the Indicators listed in the following tables.

MCA-Malawi will update Baselines for key Indicators after new data becomes available, including the Malawi Integrated Household Survey III, after a new billing system is installed at ESCOM, and after a Cost of Service study and Integrated Resource Plan are completed. Indicators on outages and load shedding will be refined prior to entry into force of the Compact and during the first year of the Compact. Financial Targets and performance will be reviewed and updated regularly, as defined in Annex I of the Compact.

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<sup>2</sup> Poverty rates cited above are based on MCA-Malawi Core Team projections using poverty line of US\$1.00 a day. Annex I defines poverty line as US\$1.25 a day.

**Table 1: Compact-Wide Results.**

The following are Indicators and Targets for the monitoring of the Program Objective as further described in paragraph 2 of Part A of Annex I. The Project is expected to contribute to the achievement of these Indicators and Targets, but is not solely responsible for the results.

<b>Table 1: Compact-wide Results</b>					
<b>Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Year 5 Target</b>
<b>Objective Level Indicators</b>					
Increased Profitability and Productivity of Doing Business in Malawi	Business sales losses due to power interruptions and quality, disaggregated by firm size <sup>3</sup>	Average value of sales losses due to electricity outages	%	16.97	TBD
	Electricity as a major obstacle to doing business <sup>4</sup>	Average ranking by firms of electricity as a major obstacle to doing business. 10 is most severe, 1 is not a constraint.	Rank	9.8	5
	Back-up diesel generation for firms <sup>5</sup>	Average annual kWh of diesel generation consumed by registered firms as a percentage of total electricity consumed	%	6.55	TBD
	Energy sales to industrial customers	(Annual electricity sales (MWh) for industrial customers (Power LV & MV)) / Total Electricity Sales (MWh) <sup>6</sup>	%	Est. 46	55 – 65
Improved Electricity Access for Households and Key Social Services	Percentage of population electrified disaggregated by national, urban and rural	Percentage of households in Malawi using electricity for lighting to total population of Malawi	%	9	9.5 - 11
		Percentage of households in rural areas using electricity for lighting to total population	%	3.0	3.2
		Percentage of rural households using electricity for lighting to total rural population	%	11.5	TBD
		Percentage of urban households using electricity for lighting to total urban population	%	43.6	TBD
	Electric Power Consumption per Capita	(Total kWh billed in all regions) / Total population	kWh per capita	103	111 – 115
	Social service electricity connections, disaggregated by schools and health centers	Percentage of total schools and total health centers connected	%	TBD	TBD

<sup>3</sup> Indicator is sourced from World Bank Enterprise Survey, 2009. Baseline data reflects manufacturing sector data only. MCA-Malawi will explore developing a tool to capture information for smaller, informal firms.

<sup>4</sup> Indicator sourced from Malawi Chamber of Commerce (MCCCI) survey, 2009.

<sup>5</sup> Indicator sourced from World Bank Enterprise Survey, 2009.

<sup>6</sup> “LV” is defined as low voltage; “MV” is defined as medium voltage.

Table 1: Compact-wide Results					
Result	Indicator	Definition	Unit	Baseline	Year 5 Target
Expansion of Sector to Better Meet Demand for Power	Investment in energy sector, disaggregated by private and public sectors, and generation and other assets <sup>7</sup>	Total US\$ million committed by financial close, disaggregated by private and public sectors, and generation and other	US\$ million	0	TBD
		MW of investment, disaggregated by private and public sectors, and generation and other	MW	0	TBD
	System Maximum Demand Met	Total demand met by the system	MW	260 (2009)	320 <sup>8</sup>

**Table 2: Infrastructure Development Activity.**

The following are Indicators and Targets for the monitoring of the Infrastructure Development Activity as further described in paragraph 1 of Part B of Annex I.

Table 2: Infrastructure Development Activity					
Result	Indicator	Definition	Unit	Baseline	Year 5 Target
<b>Outcome Level Indicators</b>					
Increased Availability of Electricity	Quantity of Electricity Billed	Total MWh billed in all regions	MWh	1,421,958 <sup>9</sup>	1,800,000
Reduction in Losses	Total System Losses (Technical and Non-Technical)	[(Total kWh generated -Total kWh billed) / Total kWh generated during same billing period]	%	20.13 <sup>10</sup>	17.5
	Transmission System Technical Losses	[(Total kWh received by transmission from generation-Total kWh sent from transmission to distribution) / Total kWh received by transmission from generation]	%	8.54 <sup>11</sup>	6.5
	Distribution System Technical & Non-Technical Losses	[(Total kWh received from transmission to Distribution-Total kWh billed) / Total kWh received from transmission to distribution]	%	11.58 <sup>12</sup>	8
Reduced Outages	System Average Interruption Frequency Index ("SAIFI")	[No. of customer interruptions > 3 mins/Total customers]	Customer Interruptions / customer	NA	TBD

<sup>7</sup> Data and targets will be sourced from Malawi's Electricity Investment Plan and Integrated Resource Plan.

<sup>8</sup> Target will be calculated using total installed capacity minus 10 percent reserve margin for largest plant.

<sup>9</sup> Baseline data are sourced from MCA Compact Development Indicator Tracking Template Pilot Exercise FY2010.

<sup>10</sup> Baseline data are sourced from MCA Compact Development Indicator Tracking Template Pilot Exercise FY2010, and reflect the average for the fiscal year.

<sup>11</sup> Baseline data are derived from MCA Compact Development Indicator Tracking Template Pilot Exercise FY2010, and reflect the average for the fiscal year.

<sup>12</sup> Baseline data are derived from MCA Compact Development Indicator Tracking Template Pilot Exercise FY2010, and reflect the average for the fiscal year.

Table 2: Infrastructure Development Activity					
Result	Indicator	Definition	Unit	Baseline	Year 5 Target
	System Average Interruption Duration Index (“SAIDI”)	[(No. of customer interruptions > 3 mins * Duration of outage) / Total customers]	Duration of Customer Interruptions / customer	NA	TBD
	Total System Load Shed <sup>13</sup>	Average MW load shed per occurrence in a year	MW	2.5	TBD
		Cumulative duration of load shed in a year	Hours	27,500	5,800
		Maximum MW load shed during peak hours	MW	Est. 30 – 40	TBD
Improved quality of power at primary substations <sup>14</sup>	Voltage Quality, disaggregated by transmission and distribution	Percentage of time within (±10% transmission and +-6% distribution) voltage range South	%	83	90
		Percentage of time within (±10% transmission and ±6% distribution) voltage range Centre	%	83	90
		Percentage of time within (±10% transmission and +-6% distribution) voltage range North	%	83	90
Increased Connections <sup>15</sup>	Number of residential customers connected to electricity, disaggregated by region	Southern electricity supply total domestic connected	Customer	67,316	3,139 additional
		Central electricity supply total domestic connected	Customer	59,375	1,540 additional
		Northern electricity supply total domestic connected	Customer	22,612	1,255 additional
	Number of commercial customers connected to electricity, disaggregated by region	Southern electricity supply general customers connected	Customer	11,751	343 additional
		Central electricity supply general customers connected	Customer	9,189	301 additional
		Northern electricity supply general customers connected	Customer	4,158	258 additional
	Number of industrial customers connected to electricity, disaggregated by region	Southern electricity supply [Power LV + Power MV connected]	Customer	4,204	8 additional
		Central electricity supply [Power LV + Power MV connected]	Customer	2,510	9 additional
		Northern electricity Supply [Power LV + Power MV connected]	Customer	812	10 additional

<sup>13</sup> Load shedding Indicators and their definitions will be refined prior to entry into force of the Compact and in the full M&E Plan.

<sup>14</sup> Substations will be identified in the full M&E plan.

<sup>15</sup> Data for Baseline are sourced from June 2010, ESCOM sales statistics and does not include export customers. The Indicator is useful for monitoring trends and performance as a function of overall sector growth, and will be used for impact evaluations. Targets are based on the Project’s technical benefits projections from ICF-CORE Feasibility Study and which were used in ERR analysis.

<b>Table 2: Infrastructure Development Activity</b>					
<b>Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Year 5 Target</b>
<b>Nkula A Sub-Activity</b>					
<b>Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Year 5 Target</b>
<b>Output Level Indicators</b>					
Nkula A refurbished and operational	Total MWh at Nkula A hydroelectric plant	Total energy produced (MWh) annually at Nkula A	MWh	168,900	207,441
<b>Transmission Network Upgrade Sub-Activity</b>					
<b>Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Year 5 Target</b>
<b>Output Level Indicators</b>					
Transmission Lines Upgraded, Rehabilitated and Extended	New 132-kV lines	Kms of new 132-kV lines built by Activity	Kms	0	153
	New 66-kV lines built	Kms of new 66-kV lines built by Activity	Kms	0	79
	New 220-kV lines built	Kms of new 220-kV lines built by Activity	Kms	0	190-205
<b>T&amp;D Upgrade, Expansion and Rehabilitation Sub-Activity</b>					
<b>Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Year 5 Target</b>
<b>Output Level Indicators</b>					
Total New Transmission Transformer Capacity	Transmission substation capacity	Sum of transmission transformer capacity	MVA	991.5	790 additional through Activity
Increased Network Control and Improved Data Acquisition	SCADA Coverage Transmission	Percentage of master station availability	%	TBD	98 – 100
	SCADA Coverage Distribution	Percentage of communication links available in installed sites	%	TBD	90 – 95
Distribution Network Upgraded, Extended and / or Operational	Kms of New Distribution lines upgraded or built	Kms of new 33-kV lines upgraded or built by Activity	Kms	0	113.3
	Kms of New Distribution Cables	Kms of new 11-kV cables built by Activity	Kms	0	5.44
	Distribution substation capacity	Sum of distribution transformer capacity	MVA	868	210 additional through Activity

**Table 3: Environment and Natural Resource Management (ENRM) Sub-Activity.**

Due to the distinct nature of the data collection and outcomes of the ENRM sub-activity, it has been broken out into a separate table below. The following table describes the key Indicators and Targets for the monitoring the ENRM sub-activity and its relevant components, as further described in paragraph 1(e) of Part B of Annex I.

<b>Table 3: Environment and Natural Resource Management (ENRM) sub-activity</b>					
<b>Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Year 5 Target</b>
<b>Outcome Level Indicators</b>					
Improved availability of hydroelectric power plants (HEP) in generation	Energy not served due to weeds and sedimentation, disaggregated by HEP	Sum MWh by HEP unavailable due to weed and sedimentation faults	MWh	TBD	57,218 less than Baseline
	Percent utilization or operating ratio of HEP, disaggregated by HEP <sup>16</sup>	Actual energy generated by HEP MWh / Theoretical maximum energy of installed capacity MWh	%	73 (Nkula A) 69 (Nkula B) 82 (Tedzani I&II) 70 (Tedzani III) 77 (Kapichira I)	85 (Nkula A) 75 (Nkula B) 90 (Tedzani I&II) 75 (Tedzani III) 85 (Kapichira I)
Reduced weed infestation and siltation in upper Shire River basin	Distribution of invasive aquatic species	Area (Km <sup>2</sup> ) of weeds in upper Shire River basin as observed in geographic information system maps and field observations	Km <sup>2</sup>	TBD	TBD
	Water turbidity	Total suspended solids using standard methodology	TSS	TBD	TBD
<b>ENRMAP component (Indicators and Targets to be defined prior to entry into force of the Compact and MCC approval of activities to be funded under the ENRMAP component)</b>					
<b>Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Year 5 Target</b>
<b>Output Level Indicators</b>					
Harmonized, gender responsive and effective institutional and policy environment for sustainable environmental management and protection	Harmonized and gender responsive legal and policy framework enacted	Legal framework adhering to the findings and recommendations of the ENRMAP developed. <sup>17</sup>	Legal framework adopted	-	Legal framework adopted
	Operational payment for ecosystem services mechanism established	Legal framework enabling ecosystem finance developed as per the findings of the ENRMAP established	Legal framework adopted	-	Legal framework adopted
<b>Weed and Silt Management component</b>					
<b>Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Year 5 Target</b>
<b>Output Level Indicators</b>					
Improved Control of Aquatic Weeds	ESCOM expenses on aquatic weed management <sup>18</sup>	Total MK expended by ESCOM per year on aquatic weed control, including staff, equipment and fuel	Million MK	TBD	TBD
	Yearly amount of weed harvested at Liwonde barrage	Average weight in metric tons (“MT”) of weed harvested at Liwonde barrage per year	Million MT	13.4	20.04 <sup>19</sup>

<sup>17</sup> Legal framework may include environmental management bill (including establishment of the National Environmental Management Authority), water resource management bill, and development of a new soil conservation bill.

<sup>18</sup> Indicator is useful for monitoring trends and performance as a function of overall ecosystem conditions.

<sup>19</sup> Total harvested material will depend on the performance of harvesting measures and biological controls.

Table 3: Environment and Natural Resource Management (ENRM) sub-activity					
Result	Indicator	Definition	Unit	Baseline	Year 5 Target
	Average daily peak weight of weed harvested at Liwonde barrage	Average peak weight in metric tons of weed harvested at Liwonde barrage	MT	120	216 <sup>20</sup>
	Biocontrol inoculations, disaggregated by key location	Number of biocontrol inoculations conducted, disaggregated by key location	Number	TBD	TBD
	Efficiency of biological control on water hyacinth	Feeding scars on sampled water hyacinth based on standardized methodology <sup>21</sup>	TBD	TBD	TBD
Improved Control of Silt	ESCOM expenses on silt management <sup>22</sup>	Total MK expended by ESCOM per year on silt removal, including staff, equipment and fuel	Million MK	TBD	TBD
	Percentage of head pond available	Head pond volume for Nkula / Original head pond volume for Nkula	%	30	75
		Head pond volume for Tedzani / Original head pond volume for Tedzani	%	50	75
		Head pond volume for Kapichira / Original head pond volume for Kapichira	%	50	75

**Table 4: Power Sector Reform Activity.**

The following are Indicators and Targets for the monitoring of the Power Sector Reform Activity as further described in paragraph 2 of Part B of Annex I. Key Targets and Baselines for these Indicators will be defined prior to entry into force of the Compact. Targets on financial Indicators will be reviewed semi-annually as defined in paragraph 2(c) of Part B of Annex I, and updated on a yearly basis.

Table 4: Power Sector Reform Activity					
Result	Indicator	Definition	Unit	Baseline	Year 5 Target
<b>Outcome Level Indicators</b>					
Improved Financial Sustainability / Solvency of	Cost Recovery Ratio	Total Actual revenue / Projected operating expenses <sup>24</sup>	%	TBD	Greater than 100%

<sup>20</sup> Total harvested material will depend on the performance of harvesting measures and biological controls.

<sup>21</sup> Indicator will be refined after completion of key feasibility studies and design work for the ENRMAP.

<sup>22</sup> Indicator is useful for monitoring trends and performance as a function of overall ecosystem conditions.

<sup>24</sup> Total revenue based on energy, demand and fixed charges revenue. Operating expenses include cost of generation, transmission and distribution operations, corporate expenses, and financing costs to be incurred.

Table 4: Power Sector Reform Activity					
Result	Indicator	Definition	Unit	Baseline	Year 5 Target
ESCOM <sup>23</sup>		Total Actual Revenue / Projected operating expenses plus capital replacement costs <sup>25</sup>	%	TBD	Greater than 100%
		Total Actual Revenue / Projected operating expenses plus capital replacement plus capital expansion costs <sup>26</sup>	%	TBD	100%
	Debt Equity Ratio	Total Debt / Total Equity	Ratio	TBD	TBD <sup>27</sup>
	Acid or Quick Test	Current Assets / Current Liabilities, excluding receivables and stocks	Ratio	TBD	TBD
	Current Ratio	Current Assets / Current Liabilities	Ratio	TBD	TBD
Improved Internal and External Governance of ESCOM and the Power Sector	Quality of ESCOM Corporate Governance	Progress against milestones set as a result of independent expert assessment based on international and regional best practices and Malawi law as articulated in Corporate Governance Benchmarking Study.	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Regulatory Independence and Effectiveness <sup>28</sup>	Progress against milestones set as a result of independent expert assessment and / or benchmarking study on issues such as quality of regulatory decisions based upon sound analysis, conformity with Laws of Malawi, independence, and transparency based on international / regional best practices and governing principles in conformance with Annex I	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>ESCOM Turnaround Sub-Activity</b>					
Result	Indicator	Definition	Unit	Baseline	Year 5 Target
<b>Output Level Indicators</b>					
Improved Financial Management	ESCOM Billing and Collection Efficiency <sup>29</sup>	[Total revenue from post-paid bills collected in current month / total post-paid billed in previous month] x 100 for SES	%	TBD	85 - 90
		[Total revenue from post-paid bills collected in current month / total post-paid billed in previous	%	TBD	85 - 90

<sup>23</sup> Financial targets will be set after financial modeling is completed, and will be updated annually. Data will be sourced from audited financial statements. Baseline for Cost Recovery Ratio is sourced from World Bank Benchmarking Study. Indicators are useful for monitoring trends and performance as a function of overall financial and investment conditions.

<sup>25</sup> Capital replacement costs include depreciation.

<sup>26</sup> Capital expansion costs include cost of long-term system expansion projects.

<sup>27</sup> Targets to reflect results of financial analysis and/or MERA regulations.

<sup>28</sup> Indicator to be refined after assessment tool has been defined prior to EIF.

<sup>29</sup> Baselines will be set after a new billing system is installed.

**Table 4: Power Sector Reform Activity**

Result	Indicator	Definition	Unit	Baseline	Year 5 Target
		month] x 100 for CES			
		[Total revenue from post-paid bills collected in current month / total post-paid billed in previous month] x 100 for NES	%	TBD	85 - 90
	Electricity Metered	Indicator to be defined prior to entry into force and in the full M&E plan, in accordance to <u>Annex I</u> .	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Average Collection Period in days	365 / (Total post-paid sales / ((Beginning accounts receivables + ending accounts receivable) / 2))	Days	180	50
	Bad Debt	(Percentage of accounts over 180 days) / (total accounts receivable)	Days	TBD	TBD
	Average Creditor Days	365 / (Total credit purchases / ((Beginning accounts payables + ending accounts payables) / 2))	Days	150	60
	Financial Plans updated	ESCOM Financial Plan with agreed upon financial ratios and covenants as defined in <u>Annex I</u> under Compact updated	Update to Plans	-	Update to plans
	Publication of Audited Financial Statements	ESCOM audited financial statements made public as defined in <u>Annex I</u> under Compact	Publication of statements	0	Annual publication
	Working Capital Gap Financed <sup>30</sup>	Yearly Government financial contribution required	MWK Millions	TBD	0
		Yearly Government financial contribution as fraction of amount indicated by MCC-approved Financial Plan	Percentage	NA	100% if positive amount required
Improved Quality of Customer Service	Average time to respond to forced outages	Average time to restore power for high voltage forced outages	Days	3.36	2.7
		Average time to restore power for MV / LV forced outages	Days	5.60	3.5
	Customer satisfaction and perceptions of ESCOM service, disaggregated by gender	Percent improvement in key indicators of customers' satisfaction, disaggregated by gender	%	TBD	TBD
Improved ESCOM Operational Management and Efficiency	Average Cost of Electricity Billed (kWh)	[Total expenses for Gx, Tx and Dx (MK) / total electricity generated(kWh)*US\$]	US\$/kWh	TBD	TBD
	Maintenance Expenditures	Actual maintenance expenditures / Planned maintenance budget as defined in <u>Annex I</u> <sup>31</sup>	%	TBD	100

<sup>30</sup> Financial targets will be set after financial modeling is completed, and will be updated annually. Data will be sourced from audited financial statements and other sources of financial information.

<sup>31</sup> Maintenance plan is based on a percentage of un-depreciated asset value for preventive maintenance of generation, transmission and distribution assets.

<b>Table 4: Power Sector Reform Activity</b>					
<b>Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Year 5 Target</b>
		Adherence to ESCOM maintenance plans as defined in <u>Annex I</u> .	Plans	NA	Yearly update to plans
Improved management of procurements by ESCOM	Procurement Audits	Number of procurement audits completed by Auditor General's Office receiving satisfactory assessments	Audit	-	TBD
	Procurement threshold	Procurement threshold increased by ODPP as a result of improved ESCOM compliance to procurement procedures	Million MK		Increase over Baseline
<b>Regulatory Strengthening Sub-Activity (Indicators and Targets to be defined prior to entry into force and MCC approval of activities to be funded under the sub-activity. Additional Indicators will be defined as per the benchmarking study, peer review and / or independent expert assessment)</b>					
<b>Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Year 5 Target</b>
<b>Output Level Indicators</b>					
Strengthened Regulatory Environment	Tariff application processing time	Average time to respond to tariff rate cases	Days	TBD	TBD
	Tariff Indexation Framework	Refinement of legal basis for tariff indexation framework adopted and implemented, as defined in <u>Annex I</u>	Framework	0	Framework approved and implemented
	Audited financial statements and annual report published by MERA	Audited financial statements and annual report published	Annual Report	0	Yearly publication of report
	MERA Resolutions	Percentage of ESCOM performance reports reviewed on time	%	-	TBD
Improved Market Structure for Private Investment	Power Market Structure	Creation of credit worthy single buyer	Single buyer created	-	Credit worthy buyer created
		Revised Energy Laws in conformity with agreement in Compact approved and enacted	Laws passed	-	Amended laws passed

(b) **Data Collection and Reporting.** The M&E Plan will establish guidelines for data collection and reporting, and identify the responsible parties. A performance monitoring task force will be created at ESCOM, with participation by MERA and MCA-Malawi. Compliance with data collection and reporting timelines will be conditions for Disbursements for the relevant Activities as set forth in the Program Implementation Agreement. The M&E Plan will specify the data collection methodologies, procedures, and analysis required for reporting on results at all levels. The M&E Plan will describe any interim MCC approvals for data collection, analysis, and reporting plans.

(c) **Data Quality Reviews.** As determined in the M&E Plan or as otherwise requested by MCC, the quality of the data gathered through the M&E Plan will be reviewed to ensure that data reported are as valid, reliable, and timely as resources will allow. The objective of any data quality review will be to verify the quality and the consistency of performance data across different implementation units and reporting institutions. Such data quality reviews also will serve to identify where those levels of quality are not possible, given the realities of data collection.

(d) Semi-annual Reviews. Semi-annual reviews of the Power Sector Reform Activity will be conducted as outlined in paragraph 2(c) of Part B of Annex I.

(e) Management Information System. The M&E Plan will describe the information system that will be used to collect data, store, process and deliver information to relevant stakeholders in such a way that the Program information collected and verified pursuant to the M&E Plan is at all times accessible and useful to those who wish to use it. The system development will take into consideration the requirement and data needs of the components of the Program, and will be aligned with existing MCC systems, other service providers, and ministries.

(f) Role of MCA-Malawi. The monitoring and evaluation of this Compact spans one discrete Project and two Activities, and will involve a variety of governmental, nongovernmental, and private sector institutions. In accordance with the designation contemplated by Section 3.2(b) of this Compact, MCA-Malawi is responsible for implementation of the M&E Plan. MCA-Malawi will oversee all Compact-related monitoring and evaluation activities conducted for each of the Activities, ensuring that data from all implementing entities are consistent, accurately reported and aggregated into regular performance reports as described in the M&E Plan.

#### **4. Evaluation Component.**

The Evaluation Component of the M&E Plan will contain three types of evaluations: (1) impact evaluations; (2) project performance evaluations; and (3) special studies. MCC also intends to continue monitoring and evaluating the long-term impacts of the Compact even after Compact expiration. The Evaluation Component of the M&E Plan will describe the purpose of the evaluation, methodology, timeline, required MCC approvals, and the process for collection and analysis of data for each evaluation. The results of all evaluations will be made publicly available in accordance with MCC's Policy for Monitoring and Evaluation of Compacts and Threshold Programs.

(a) Impact Evaluation. The M&E Plan will include a description of the methods to be used for impact evaluations and plans for integrating the evaluation method into Project design. Based on in-country consultation with stakeholders, the strategies outlined below were jointly determined as having the strongest potential for rigorous impact evaluation. The M&E Plan will further outline in detail these methodologies. Final impact evaluation strategies are to be included in the M&E Plan. The following is a summary of the potential impact evaluation methodologies.

(i) Infrastructure Development Activity. The evaluation will attempt to assess the effectiveness of individual transmission lines and distribution investments in reducing outages and improving power quality, particularly in northern Malawi using a combination of approaches, to include potentially an interrupted time series approach, exogenous spatial variation due to the project, combined if sufficiently informative with phased implementation of distribution projects. The incremental impacts of improved reliability, quality and access to power will be estimated by comparing key intermediate outcomes, including changes in business investments and productivity, between businesses with access to infrastructure improvements, those without access to improvements, and for those in areas or zones that experience greater or

lesser improvements in electricity due to differential levels of infrastructure upgrading. Gender disaggregated information for female-headed businesses will be pursued to the extent possible.

(ii) Power Sector Reform Activity. The most rigorous evaluation possible will be conducted, possibly employing an interrupted time series approach. The evaluation will estimate the causal relationship between changes in sector governance with: (1) changes in ESCOM financial and operational performance; and (2) increases in private investment, generation capacity and electricity coverage for different groups such as female-headed households and regions of the country. The evaluation will also assess: (A) the extent to which improvements in MERA independence and regulatory capacity result in improved quality of service and supply by ESCOM; and (B) the extent to which this Activity improves the efficiency (employees per customer, response time to outages, etc.) and reduces losses at ESCOM. Differentiated impacts on customer service and access to men, women, and vulnerable groups will be explored.

(iii) Environment and Natural Resource Management (ENRM) Sub-Activity. The evaluation will attempt to isolate the causal factors linking weed and siltation in the Shire river basin to outages downstream at generation sites, particularly the extent to which palliative weed and silt management measures reduce the frequency and duration of outages and improve plant availability at hydropower plants downstream of Liwonde barrage. Potentially using a difference-in-differences and/or matching design, the evaluation will also attempt to look at how increases in tariff and/or electrification affect consumer energy choices, such as the use of charcoal and fuel wood, and the impact of the latter has on the environment. To the extent appropriate, differentiated impacts on different income groups, males vs. females, formal and informal firms, and factors such as access or non-access to capital will be explored.

In order to implement the most rigorous evaluations possible, the Government and ESCOM will cooperate in assembling the required time series and other data required to implement the chosen methodology.

(b) Project Performance Evaluation. The M&E Plan will make provision for evaluations of all relevant Project activities. The M&E Plan will also make provision for final Project level evaluations (“*Final Evaluations*”). With the prior written approval of MCC, the Government or MCA-Malawi will engage independent evaluators to conduct the Final Evaluations at the end of the Project. The Final Evaluations will review progress during Compact implementation and provide a qualitative context for interpreting monitoring data and impact evaluation findings. They must at a minimum: (i) evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the Activities; (ii) determine if and analyze the reasons why the Compact Goal, Program Objective and Project Objective, outcome(s) and output(s) were or were not achieved; (iii) identify positive and negative unintended results of the Program; (iv) provide lessons learned that may be applied to similar projects; and (v) assess the likelihood that results will be sustained over time.

(c) Special Studies. The M&E Plan will include a description of the methods to be used for special studies, as necessary, funded through this Compact or by MCC. Plans for conducting the special studies will be determined jointly between the Government or MCA-Malawi and MCC before the approval of the M&E Plan. MCC, the Government and MCA-Malawi have agreed to conduct the following study as part of the Power Sector Reform Activity:

(i) Prior to entry into force of the Compact, the Government and MCC will agree on a method by which to independently evaluate and assess Malawi's regulatory environment and the governance of ESCOM and the power sector in Malawi as a whole. MCA-Malawi and the Government will then conduct both the Corporate Governance Benchmarking Study and the Sector Benchmarking Study by Year 2 of the Compact.

The M&E Plan will identify and make provision for any other special studies, *ad hoc* evaluations, and research that may be needed as part of the monitoring and evaluating of this Compact. Either MCC, MCA-Malawi or the Government may request special studies or *ad hoc* evaluations of Activities, or the Project as a whole prior to the expiration of the Compact Term. When the Government engages an evaluator, the engagement will be subject to the prior written approval of MCC. Contract terms must ensure non-biased results and the publication of results.

(d) Request for Ad Hoc Evaluation or Special Study. If MCA-Malawi or the Government require an *ad hoc* independent evaluation or special study at the request of the Government for any reason, including for the purpose of contesting an MCC determination with respect to a Project or Activity or to seek funding from other donors, no MCC Funding resources may be applied to such evaluation or special study without MCC's prior written approval.

## **5. Other Components of the M&E Plan.**

In addition to the monitoring and evaluation components, the M&E Plan will include the following components for the Program, Project and Activities, including, where appropriate, roles and responsibilities of the relevant parties and providers:

(a) Costs. A detailed cost estimate for all components of the M&E Plan; and

(b) Assumptions and Risks. Any assumption or risk external to the Program that underlies the accomplishment of the Program Objective, Project Objective and Activity outcomes and outputs.

## **6. Approval and Implementation of the M&E Plan.**

The approval and implementation of the M&E Plan, as amended from time to time, will be in accordance with the Program Implementation Agreement, any other relevant Supplemental Agreement and the MCC Policy for Monitoring and Evaluation of Compacts and Threshold Programs.

**ANNEX IV**  
**CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**  
**TO DISBURSEMENT OF COMPACT IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING**

This Annex IV sets forth the conditions precedent applicable to Disbursements of Compact Implementation Funding (each a “*CIF Disbursement*”). Capitalized terms used in this Annex IV and not defined in this Compact will have the respective meanings assigned thereto in the Program Implementation Agreement. Upon execution of the Program Implementation Agreement, each CIF Disbursement will be subject to the terms of the Program Implementation Agreement.

**1. Conditions Precedent to Initial CIF Disbursement.**

Each of the following must have occurred or been satisfied prior to the Initial CIF Disbursement:

- (a) The Government (or MCA-Malawi) has delivered to MCC:
  - (i) an interim fiscal accountability plan acceptable to MCC; and
  - (ii) a CIF procurement plan acceptable to MCC.

**2. Conditions Precedent to each CIF Disbursement.**

Each of the following must have occurred or been satisfied prior to each CIF Disbursement:

- (a) The Government (or MCA-Malawi) has delivered to MCC the following documents, in form and substance satisfactory to MCC:
  - (i) a completed Disbursement Request, together with the applicable Periodic Reports, for the applicable Disbursement Period, all in accordance with the Reporting Guidelines;
  - (ii) a certificate of the Government (or MCA-Malawi), dated as of the date of the CIF Disbursement Request, in such form as provided by MCC; and
  - (iii) if this Compact has entered into force in accordance with Article 7, (1) a Fiscal Agent Disbursement Certificate and (2) a Procurement Agent Disbursement Certificate.
- (b) If any proceeds of the CIF Disbursement are to be deposited in a bank account, MCC has received satisfactory evidence that (i) the Bank Agreement has been executed and (ii) the Permitted Accounts have been established;
- (c) Appointment of an entity or individual to provide fiscal agent services, as approved by MCC, until such time as the Government provides to MCC a true and complete copy of a Fiscal Agent Agreement, duly executed and in full force and effect, and the fiscal agent engaged thereby is mobilized;
- (d) Appointment of an entity or individual to provide procurement agent services, as approved by MCC, until such time as the Government provides to MCC a true and complete

copy of the Procurement Agent Agreement, duly executed and in full force and effect, and the procurement agent engaged thereby is mobilized; and

(e) MCC is satisfied, in its sole discretion, that:

(i) the activities being funded with such CIF Disbursement are necessary, advisable or otherwise consistent with the goal of facilitating the implementation of the Compact and will not violate any applicable law or regulation;

(ii) no material default or breach of any covenant, obligation or responsibility by the Government, MCA-Malawi or any Government entity has occurred and is continuing under this Compact or any Supplemental Agreement;

(iii) there has been no violation of, and the use of requested funds for the purposes requested will not violate, the limitations on use or treatment of MCC Funding set forth in Section 2.7 of this Compact or in any applicable law or regulation;

(iv) any Taxes paid with MCC Funding through the date ninety (90) days prior to the start of the applicable Disbursement Period have been reimbursed by the Government in full in accordance with Section 2.8(c) of this Compact; and

(v) the Government has satisfied all of its payment obligations, including any insurance, indemnification, tax payments or other obligations, and contributed all resources required from it, under this Compact and any Supplemental Agreement.

**3. For any CIF Disbursement occurring after this Compact has entered into force in accordance with Article 7.**

MCC is satisfied, in its sole discretion, that:

(a) MCC has received copies of any reports due from any technical consultants (including environmental auditors engaged by MCA-Malawi) for any Activity since the previous Disbursement Request, and all such reports are in form and substance satisfactory to MCC;

(b) the Implementation Plan Documents and Fiscal Accountability Plan are current and updated and are in form and substance satisfactory to MCC, and there has been progress satisfactory to MCC on the components of the Implementation Plan for the Projects or any relevant Activities related to such CIF Disbursement;

(c) there has been progress satisfactory to MCC on the M&E Plan and Social and Gender Integration Plan for the Program or Project or relevant Activity and substantial compliance with the requirements of the M&E Plan and Social and Gender Integration Plan (including the targets set forth therein and any applicable reporting requirements set forth therein for the relevant Disbursement Period);

(d) there has been no material negative finding in any financial audit report delivered in accordance with this Compact and the Audit Plan, for the prior two quarters (or such other period as the Audit Plan may require);

(e) MCC does not have grounds for concluding that any matter certified to it in the related MCA Disbursement Certificate, the Fiscal Agent Disbursement Certificate or the Procurement Agent Disbursement Certificate is not as certified;

(f) if any of the officers or key staff of MCA-Malawi have been removed or resigned and the position remains vacant, MCA-Malawi is actively engaged in recruiting a replacement; and

(g) MCC has not determined, in its sole discretion, that an act, omission, condition, or event has occurred that would be the basis for MCC to suspend or terminate, in whole or in part, the Compact or MCC Funding in accordance with Section 5.1 of this Compact.

## ANNEX V DEFINITIONS

*Activity* has the meaning provided in Part B of Annex I.

*Additional Representative* has the meaning provided in Section 4.2.

*Audit Guidelines* has the meaning provided in Section 3.8(a).

*Baseline* has the meaning provided in paragraph 3 of Annex III.

*Board of Trustees* has the meaning provided in paragraph 3(a)(i) of Part C of Annex I.

*CIF Disbursement* has the meaning provided in Annex IV.

*Compact* has the meaning provided in the Preamble.

*Compact Goal* has the meaning provided in Section 1.1.

*Compact Implementation Funding* has the meaning provided in Section 2.2(a).

*Compact Records* has the meaning provided in Section 3.7(a).

*Compact Term* has the meaning provided in Section 7.4.

*Corporate Governance Benchmarking Study* has the meaning provided in paragraph 2(a)(ii) of Part B of Annex I.

*Covered Provider* has the meaning provided in Section 3.7(c).

*Disbursement* has the meaning provided in Section 2.4.

*DSC* has the meaning provided in paragraph 2(a)(ii) of Part B of Annex I.

*ESCOM* has the meaning provided in Section 7.2(d).

*ESCOM Board* has the meaning provided in paragraph 2(a)(ii) of Part B of Annex I.

*ENRM* has the meaning provided in paragraph 1(e) of Part B of Annex I.

*ERNMAP* has the meaning provided in paragraph 1(e)(ii) of Part B of Annex I.

*ESIAs* has the meaning provided in paragraph 3 of Part B of Annex I.

*Evaluation Component* has the meaning provided in paragraph 1 of Annex III.

*Excess CIF Amount* has the meaning provided in Section 2.2(c).

*Final Evaluations* has the meaning provided in paragraph 4(b) of Annex III.

*Financial Plan* has the meaning provided in paragraph 2(a)(i) of Part B of Annex I.

*Fiscal Agent* has the meaning provided in paragraph 5 of Part C of Annex I.

**Governance Guidelines** means MCC’s Guidelines for Accountable Entities and Implementation Structures, as such may be posted on MCC’s Website from time to time.

**Government** has the meaning provided in the Preamble.

**Implementation Letter** has the meaning provided in Section 3.5.

**Indicators** has the meaning provided in paragraph 3(a) of Annex III.

**Infrastructure Development Activity** has the meaning provided in Part B of Annex I.

**Inspector General** has the meaning provided in Section 3.7(d).

**Intellectual Property** means all registered and unregistered trademarks, service marks, logos, names, trade names and all other trademark rights; all registered and unregistered copyrights; all patents, inventions, shop rights, know how, trade secrets, designs, drawings, art work, plans, prints, manuals, computer files, computer software, hard copy files, catalogues, specifications, and other proprietary technology and similar information; and all registrations for, and applications for registration of, any of the foregoing, that are financed, in whole or in part, using MCC Funding.

**IRP** has the meaning provided in paragraph 1(a) of Part B of Annex I.

**Kapichira II** has the meaning provided in paragraph 1(f) of Part B of Annex I.

**kWh** has the meaning provided in paragraph 3 of Part A of Annex I.

**M&E Annex** has the meaning provided in Annex III.

**M&E Plan** has the meaning provided in Annex III.

**Malawi** has the meaning provided in the Preamble.

**Management Unit** has the meaning provided in paragraph 3 (c)(i) of Part C of Annex I.

**MCA Act** has the meaning provided in Section 2.2(a).

**MCA-Malawi Core Team** has the meaning provided in paragraph 1(b) of Part A of Annex I.

**MCA-Malawi Trust Deed** has the meaning provided in paragraph 3 of Part C of Annex I.

**MCC** has the meaning provided in the Preamble.

**MCC Environmental Guidelines** has the meaning provided in Section 2.7(c).

**MCC Funding** has the meaning provided in Section 2.3.

**MCC Gender Policy** means the MCC “Gender Policy” (including any guidance documents issued in connection with the guidelines) posted from time to time on the MCC Website or otherwise made available to the Government.

**MCC Policy for Monitoring and Evaluation of Compacts and Threshold Programs** has the meaning provided in Annex III.

**MCC Program Procurement Guidelines** has the meaning provided in Section 3.6.

*MCC Website* has the meaning provided in Section 2.7.

*MGDs* has the meaning provided in paragraph 2 of Annex III.

*MERA* has the meaning provided in paragraph 2 of Part B of Annex I.

*MERA Board* has the meaning provided in paragraph 2(b)(ii) of Part B of Annex I.

*MNREE* has the meaning provided in paragraph 2 of Part B of Annex I.

*Monitoring Component* has the meaning provided in paragraph 1 of Annex III.

*Multi-Year Financial Plan Summary* has the meaning provided in paragraph 1 of Annex II.

*ODPP* has the meaning provided in paragraph 2(a)(iii) of Part B of Annex I.

*OP 4.12* has the meaning provided in paragraph 3 of Part B of Annex I.

*Party* and *Parties* have the meaning provided in the Preamble.

*Permitted Account* has the meaning provided in Section 2.4.

*PMC* has the meaning provided in paragraph 4 of Part C of Annex I.

*Power Sector Reform Activity* has the meaning provided in Part B of Annex I.

*Power Sector Reform Agenda* has the meaning provided in paragraph 2(c) of Part B of Annex I.

*Power Sector Revitalization Project* has the meaning provided in Part B of Annex I.

*PPP* has the meaning provided in paragraph 1(a) of Part A of Annex I.

*Principal Representative* has the meaning provided in Section 4.2.

*Procurement Agent* has the meaning provided in paragraph 6 of Part C of Annex I.

*Program* has the meaning provided in the Recitals.

*Program Assets* means any assets, goods or property (real, tangible or intangible) purchased or financed in whole or in part (directly or indirectly) by MCC Funding.

*Program Funding* has the meaning provided in Section 2.1.

*Program Guidelines* means collectively the Audit Guidelines, the MCC Environmental Guidelines, the MCC Gender Policy, the Governance Guidelines, the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines, the Reporting Guidelines, the MCC Policy for Monitoring and Evaluation of Compacts and Threshold Programs, the MCC Cost Principles for Government Affiliates Involved in Compact Implementation (including any successor to any of the foregoing) and any other guidelines, policies or guidance papers relating to the administration of MCC-funded compact programs and as from time to time published on the MCC Website.

*Program Implementation Agreement* and *PIA* have the meaning provided in Section 3.1.

*Program Objective* has the meaning provided in Section 1.2.

**Project** has the meaning provided in Section 1.3.

**Project Cooperation Agreement** has the meaning provided in paragraph 4 of Part C of Annex I.

**Project Objective** has the meaning provided in Section 1.3.

**Project Partner** has the meaning provided in paragraph 4 of Part C of Annex I.

**Provider** has the meaning provided in Section 3.7(c).

**REA** has the meaning provided in paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Part B of Annex I.

**Reporting Guidelines** means the MCC “Guidance on Quarterly MCA Disbursement Request and Reporting Package” posted by MCC on the MCC Website or otherwise publicly made available.

**SBM Plan** has the meaning provided in paragraph 2(b)(iii) of Part B of Annex I.

**Sector Benchmarking Study** has the meaning provided in paragraph 2(b)(ii) of Part B of Annex I.

**Social and Gender Integration Plan** has the meaning provided in paragraph 3 of Part B of Annex I.

**Supplemental Agreement** means any agreement between (a) the Government (or any Government affiliate) and MCC (including, but not limited to, the PIA), or (b) MCC and/or the Government (or any Government affiliate), on the one hand, and any third party, on the other hand, including any of the Providers, in each case, setting forth the details of any funding, implementing or other arrangements in furtherance of this Compact.

**Target** has the meaning provided in paragraph 3(a) of Annex III.

**Tariff Indexation Framework** has the meaning provided in paragraph 2(b)(i) of Part B of Annex I.

**Tax Schedules** has the meaning provided in Section 2.8(b).

**Taxes** has the meaning provided in Section 2.8(a).

**Turnaround Facility** has the meaning provided in Section 7.2(d).

**United States Dollars or US\$** means the lawful currency of the United States of America.

**USAID** is the United States Agency for International Development.