ACCESS TO JUSTICE Interim Work Plan January to March – 2013

Country: Malawi

CP Outcome/UNDAF Key Priority 4: National institutions effectively support transparency, accountability, participatory democracy and human rights

UNDAF Outcome 4.1: National institutions foster democratic governance and human rights to promote transparency, accountability, participation and access to justice for all especially women and children by 2016

UNDAF AP Output 4.1.1: Democratic Governance sector wide approach inclusive of sector strategy, M & E, indicator framework, investment and capacity development plan encompassing national democratic accountability and justice institutions operationalised.

CP Output:Governance SWAP, national investment & capacity development plan; Strategic & capacity development plans for Parliament, Ombudsman, MHRC, MEC

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Justice

Responsible Partners: Ombudsman

The Access to Justice project started in 2008, to enhance the coordination of the justice sector, under the common view that access to justice can be improved if the justice sector is developed through a project based approach to coordinate assistance based on the desired impact rather than assisting individual institutions such as courts, prisons, or paralegal services. The project, essentially designed to support Access to Justice, later evolved into support to a wider democratic governance sector involving 19 justice and democratic accountability institutions. The Democratic Governance Sector Working Group was established in line with the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy and the Guidelines for Sector Working Groups in Malawi. Through UNDP support, the DG Sector developed a Concept Note in 2009 and in 2010, a Policy Framework Paper outlining priority interventions for the Sector was developed with support from the EU and UNDP.

In 2012 the UNDP provided support to facilitate multi stakeholder consultations along the 8 thematic pillars of the Policy Framework Paper in order to identify key elements of a sector reform agenda. Based on the results, and building on the findings of the DG Sector Capacity Assessments and Baseline Surveys conducted in 2011, a 5 year democratic governance sector strategy was formulated and finalized in December 2012. The strategy has 5 key result areas and a comprehensive M&E framework as well as an investment plan including a budget for the period 2013-2017.

The interim work plan, covering the period January to March 2013 will focus on the formulation of the new UNDP Democratic Governance sector support project. It is envisioned that the future DG Sector Support project will contribute to effective coordination of the 5 key result areas and strengthen sector M&E, reporting, management and coordinated funding approach. It will also support the Implementation of Policy Change within the context of a reform framework.

The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Justice that will be responsible for the implementation of all activities in this AWP, monitor and provide monthly financial reports and quarterly progress reports to UNDP. Following the implementation of Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT) modalities, advances will be disbursed directly to the implementing partner on a quarterly basis upon receipt of a satisfactory progress report.

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Project Period: 2008-2013 (extended

from 2012-March 2013)

Project Component: Good Governance Intervention Title Access to Justice Budget Code: Award 00049362

Project id: 00060132

Duration: Three months (January-March)

Estimated annualized budget US\$ 240,066.58 Allocated resources: US\$ 240,066.58 UNDP/TRAC US\$ 230,436.58

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