MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

concerning the

COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTION OF THE UN JOINT PLAN IN MALAWI

agreed between the Government of MALAWI, and the United Nations System in MALAWI

WHEREAS a joint initiative has been established and implemented by organisation of the United Nations System to achieve harness the comparative edges of respective UN agencies within the UN system for the purposes of bring to bear effective technical and appropriately earmarked financial support towards Malawi's national to the HIV and AIDS epidemic;

WHEREAS the Joint Team on HIV and AIDS initiative (hereinafter the "the Joint Team" or "UNJT") was established in accordance with the Secretary General's directive for improved effectiveness in support to national HIV responses and the decision by UN Country Team in Malawi decision to formalise the Joint United Nations Team on AIDS in February 2006, as set out in the letter of December 2005;

WHEREAS the planning, implementation and management of the United Nations Joint Plan (hereinafter the "UN Joint Plan") shall be supported and/or undertaken respective United Nations Systems agencies, programs, funds and specialised agencies, and that they will consistently be taken into consideration in evaluating the UN Joint Plan activities;

WHEREAS the United Nations System, represented by the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office (hereinafter the "RCO") and the United Nations Joint Program on HIV and AIDS (hereinafter "UNAIDS") on one part and the Government of Malawi, on the other, represented by the National AIDS Commission (hereinafter "NAC") which are signatories to this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter the "parties") seek to establish the terms and conditions under which the UN Joint Plan will coordinated and implemented in Malawi;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1.0. PURPOSE

- 1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter the "MoU") shall establish terms and conditions governing provision of UN support to the national HIV response as set in the attached workplan and set out in Annex 1;
- 1.2. This MoU shall govern, coordinate, monitor and measure the commitments and activities concerning the UN Joint Plan, as set out in the said workplan in Annex 1.

2.0. <u>SCOPE</u>

- 2.1. The UN Joint Plan activities laid out in the attached work plan will be implemented in alignment to the Malawi National Strategic Plan on HIV and AIDS (hereinafter the "NSP"), and available elsewhere;
- 2.2. The implementation of this MoU is subject to the demand for and availability of the requisite funding and related resources, as stipulated the attached workplan of UNIT.

3.0. EFFECTIVE DATE AND PERIOD OF THE MoU

This MoU shall be effective upon the date of signature by the Parties and shall remain in effect for the full extent of period of twelve (12) months.

The UN System is in the process of developing a more comprehensive UN Joint Plan, covering the period of the NSP (from 2016 to 2020), which is also attached.

4.0. MANAGEMENT, COORDINATION, MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTING MODALITIES

The management, coordination, monitoring, evaluation and reporting modalities and accountability and the roles thereafter are stipulated in the Steering Committee Terms of Reference and the UNIT workplan, attached as Annex 2

and 1 respectively. Upon completion of the above-mentioned UN Joint Plan (2016 – 2020), the current MoU will cease to exist and be duly replaced by new work modalities to be outlined as appropriate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorised representatives of the respective Parties, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in the copies.

Signature:

NAC

Name:

Davie KALOMBA

Designation:

Executive Director - NAC

Date:

Signature:

RCO

Mia SEPPO Name:

Designation:

UN Resident Coordinat

Date:

Name:

UNAIDS

Signature:

Designation:

Karim AKADIRI **UNAIDS Country Director a.i.**

Date:

4.02-2017

Annex 1: The UNJT Workplan for Year 2017

Annex 2: The Steering Committee Terms of Reference