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PRESS RELEASE

**ARREST OF MS MARTHA CHIZUMA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ANTI
CORRUPTION BUREAU**

The Church and Society Program (CSP) of the CCAP Synod of Livingstonia is appalled to learn of the arrest by the Malawi Police Service of the Director General of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Ms Martha Chizuma. Although Ms Chizuma has been released on police bail, the arrest was ill-timed and sends a very negative signal to the fight against corruption. It is apparent that some quarters within the government setup are bent on frustrating Ms Chizuma's efforts to fight against the vice.

Further, it is more disheartening to learn that the leadership of key government ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) are feigning ignorance of circumstances leading to her arrest. This begs the question of who is in control of these MDAs. One also wonders if there is any synergy between and among MDAs in the execution of their duties. Most importantly, the turn of events demonstrate total lapse of upward and downward accountability within the MDAs, and this is recipe for chaos which is manifesting now.

In conclusion, the Church and Society Program of the CCAP Synod of Livingstonia wishes to publicly state that it is standing with Ms Chizuma, the State President, His Excellency Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, and all Malawians that detest and genuinely fight against corruption.

Signed

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