

# MESSAGE IN SUPPORT OF THE TORCH OF PEACE CONCERT TO BE PERFORMED IN DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA, ON 25TH AUGUST, 2003

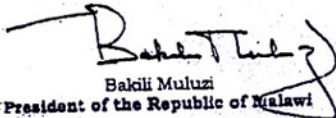
We believe that Idaki Shin's quest to reawaken a new born baby's first cry for peace in humanity through his music is very artistic and original and we commend NPO KOMA for taking the initiative to bring this inspirational concert to the SADC Summit Meeting. This concert affirms the belief that there are certain ideals which are universal and transcend oceans, borders, cultures, ethnicity and languages. The most important of these ideals in this day and age is the pursuit of peace.

Malawi concurs with Idaki Shin's petition that peace is not merely the absence of war. Peace is much broader and it encompasses all

spheres of human life, namely, mind, body and soul. Peace also means economic empowerment because rampant poverty generates insecurity and threatens peace.

Malawi believes that the sanctity of peace is well-protected through democracy, human rights, freedom of speech and association, and respect for the rule of law. It is for this reason that the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) has fought hard and continues to fight hard to bring total and everlasting peace and stability to the region. In this regard, SADC makes every effort and supports all endeavours to end conflicts and ensure peace not only in the region but also in the whole African continent and the world over.

In conclusion, therefore, Malawi would like to acknowledge the efforts that the NPO KOMA of Japan are undertaking to promote peace among nations and all peace-loving peoples of the world. Malawi fully appreciates the gesture to have the Multimedia Concert dedicated to the SADC Heads of State and Government because the idea, indeed, fits very well with the objectives of SADC.



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