



**STATEMENT BY HIS MAJESTY KING MSWATI III OF THE KINGDOM  
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ORGAN ON POLITICS, DEFENCE AND SECURITY COOPERATION**

**On the eve of the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 General Election  
(Presidential, Parliamentary and Local Government Elections) in  
the Republic of Malawi**

Fellow Members of the Southern African Development Community  
(SADC),

The people of the Republic of Malawi will go to the polls tomorrow, 16  
September 2025 to elect the President, Members of Parliament and  
Councillors in line with the country's Constitution and laws governing  
elections.

At the invitation of the Republic of Malawi as a SADC Member State,  
SADC has deployed its Electoral Observation Mission (SEOM) to the  
Republic of Malawi under the leadership of Honourable Themba N.  
Masuku, former Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Eswatini to  
observe the country's pre-election phase, polling day and the post-  
election processes, in line with the relevant provisions of the revised  
SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections (2021).

Adopted by all SADC Member States, these Principles and Guidelines promote regular, free and fair, transparent, credible and peaceful democratic elections as key indicators of a functioning democracy and good governance in the SADC region.

Malawi has a long-standing tradition of peace and stability. I am confident that during and in the aftermath of these elections, Malawi will maintain its reputation as a peaceful nation that upholds democratic principles and conducts peaceful elections. To this end, SADC reaffirms its unwavering support for Malawi on election day and throughout the post-election period. Through the SEOM, SADC's mission remains to facilitate a peaceful, credible, and inclusive electoral process.

I call upon all Malawians who are eligible to vote to do so in their large numbers, exercising their democratic right and contributing to the development and prosperity of their country. I further urge all political leaders and their supporters to respect the will of the people, and to act responsibly through the legal means provided by the laws of Malawi.

Finally, I join the people of the SADC region in wishing all Malawians a successful and peaceful election. May these elections strengthen Malawi's democracy, foster national unity and chart the path for Malawi's prosperity.

***Thank You.***

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