



## PARLIAMENT OF MALAWI



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cc: Chair of the MPWC  
Hon. R.M.S. Morutoa

Dear Madam Speaker,

**RE: REQUEST FOR A STUDY VISIT BY THE MALAWI PARLIAMENT  
WOMEN'S CAUCUS TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

I have the honour to present to your office a request for a study visit for selected members of the Women's Caucus of the Malawian Parliament to the South African National Assembly Women's Caucus from 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The goal of the study visit is to learn from the experiences of the South African Women Parliamentarians in the area of promoting and retaining of women in politics; their role in promoting women's rights through legislations and how they undertake issues of Domestic Violence and other sexual related offences; and how they ensure that government resources and service delivery are beneficial to women.

In this regard, we kindly request the availability of the Members of the South African Women Caucus to meet their Malawi Women's Caucus counterparts during the aforementioned dates.

It is expected that at the end of the study visit, the delegation will come up with the following:-

- A comprehensive report of the study visit which includes lessons, experiences and best practices learnt from the South African female parliamentarians and other stakeholders;
- An action plan on how the participants can actively participate and share the lessons learnt from this study visit; and
- A list of short, medium and long term recommendations on increasing women's participation and retention in politics in Malawi.

The Malawi Parliament acknowledges the partnership that exists between the two Parliaments and we anticipate that your Parliament will accord our female MPs all the necessary support that they may require during the visit.

Yours faithfully,



Right Hon. Richard Msowoya, MP  
**SPEAKER OF MALAWI PARLIAMENT**