



CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION TRANSMITTAL SHEET

We wish to inform you of the intent to provide up to \$14,800,000 to facilitate the development and implementation of a Millennium Challenge Compact with the Government of Malawi.

The attached notification is being sent to the Congress on January 22, 2009. Obligation of funds may be incurred on or after fifteen days from the date of this notification.

Sincerely,

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Managing Director
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Enclosure:
As stated

• **MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION
CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION**

January 22, 2009

PROGRAM: Eligible Countries
APPROPRIATIONS CATEGORY: FY 2009 Program Funds
OBLIGATION AMOUNT: \$14,800,000

In accordance with section 615(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Div. J, P.L. 110-161), as carried forward by the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2009 (P.L. 110-329), this is to advise that the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) intends to obligate up to \$14,800,000 in FY 2009 MCC program funds (“MCC Funding”) under section 609(g) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended (the “Act”), for the purpose of facilitating the development and implementation of a Millennium Challenge Compact (“Compact”) with the Government of Malawi.

MCC Funding will support the Government of Malawi’s efforts to develop potential projects for a Compact in certain focal areas, and provide training to personnel and Government of Malawi ministries that are expected to be involved in Compact implementation. MCC may finance the following in the potential focal areas of power, transport, and governance: technical feasibility studies, analyses of institutional capacity and policy frameworks, legal and regulatory reforms for selected sectors, sector studies, training, environmental and social impact assessments, and project design work.

MCC will also fund the Government of Malawi’s early preparations for Compact implementation. These preparations include: training in the areas of procurement, project management, and monitoring and evaluation; initial funding for the procurement advisor/agent and fiscal agent contracts; funding for monitoring and evaluation advisory support to help define indicators for the monitoring and evaluation of the projects during the Compact, as well as to help review projects for impact evaluation; and to establish and staff the Compact implementation governing body. MCC expects that that this funding will enable detailed implementation planning and start-up activities to occur before the Compact is signed and thereby support a seamless transition from Compact development to Compact implementation.