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THE CEREMONIAL PROGRAMME

<i>Serial</i>	<i>Approx</i>	<i>Activity</i>
<i>No</i>	<i>Time</i>	
1	07:00	All arrangements at the Bingu International Convention Centre (BICC) are completed.
2	07:30	All officials, Protocol Officers, Malawi Defence Force, Malawi Police Service, and Officers Responsible for the Presidential Standard arrive at the Bingu International Convention Centre (BICC).
3	08:10	All Invited Guests take their seats at the Bingu International Convention Centre (BICC).
4	09:15	All SADC PF Delegates take their seats in the Conference Hall.
5	09:30	The Host Speaker, Rt. Hon. Catherine Gotani Hara, MP, arrives at Bingu International Convention Centre (BICC)
6	09:35	All Speakers arrive at Bingu International Convention Centre (BICC) and are escorted to the Holding Room.
7	09:45	His Excellency Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, arrives at the BICC and is met by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Host Speaker, Rt. Hon. Catherine Gotani Hara, MP; and</i>• <i>The President of the SADC PF Hon. Christophe MBOSO N'KODIA PWANGA.</i>• <i>The SADC PF Secretary General, Ms Boemo Sekgoma</i>

- *Sergeant-At-Arms, Major Sikaloka Kaliati Rtd.*

- 8 His Excellency Dr Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, proceeds to the Holding Room.
- 9 His Excellency Dr Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, Signs the Visitors Book and is briefed on the programme of the day.
- 10 Speakers leave the Holding Room for the Conference Hall.
- 11 His Excellency Dr Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, is escorted to the conference hall by the Host Speaker, Rt. Hon. Catherine Gotani Hara, MP, the President of the SADC PF Hon. Christophe MBOSO N’KODIA PWANGA and the SADC PF Secretary General, Ms Boemo Sekgoma, in a procession, led by Sergeant-at-Arms, Major Sikaloka Kaliati, Rtd.
- 12 Fanfare by the Malawi Police Brass Band.
- 13 **OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY**
- Singing of Anthems of the Republic of Malawi, SADC and AU.
- 14 Prayer by Reverend Brian Kamwendo
- 15 Introduction of the Programme by the Director of Ceremonies, Ms. Chimwemwe Kujaliwa
- 16 Credentials of Delegates by the SADC PF Secretary General, Ms Boemo Sekgoma
- 17 Performance by Mtendere Dance Troupe from Malawi

Ministry of Tourism

Statements of Solidarity by Regional Parliaments

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- East Africa Legislative Assembly, Rt Hon Martin Karoli Ngoga, MP, Speaker of EALA, attending virtually.
- ECOWAS Parliament, Hon Senator Edwin Mervin Snowe Jr, MP representing Right Hon. Sidie Mohamed Tunis, Speaker of ECOWAS Parliament, MP
- Pan African Parliament, Hon. Senator Chief Fortune Charumbira, President of the Pan African Parliament'

19. Statement by the Regional Women's Parliamentary Caucus Chairperson, Hon. Regina Esparon, MP.
- 20 11:05 Address by the SADC PF President & Speaker of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Hon. Christophe MBOSO N'KODIA PWANGA.
- 21 11:30 Performance by Bambino Marimba Band
- 22 11:35 Welcome Remarks & Introduction of the Guest of Honour by Rt. Hon. Speaker Catherine Gotani Hara, MP
- 23 11:45 Official Opening Address by the Guest of Honour, H.E. Dr Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi
- 24 SADC PF Speakers join His Excellency the President for a Group Photograph
- 25 12:05 Vote of thanks by Hon. Seiso Joel Mohai, representing Speaker of the National Assembly of South Africa and Host of the 52nd Plenary Assembly, Hon, Novisiwe

- Mapisa-Nqakula.
- 26 12:15 Singing of Anthems of AU, SADC and the Republic of Malawi
- 27 12:20 Announcements by the Director of Ceremonies.
- 28 12:20 His Excellency Dr Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, is escorted to the Holding Room by the Host Speaker, Rt. Hon. Catherine Gotani Hara, MP, and the President of the SADC PF Hon. Christophe MBOSO N’KODIA PWANGA, and the SADC PF Secretary General, Ms Boemo Sekgoma, in a procession led by Sergeant-at-Arms, Major Sikaloka Kaliati, Rtd.
- 29 All Delegates proceed for a Group Photograph
- 30 His Excellency Dr Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, joins the delegates for a group photograph
- 31 His Excellency Dr Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, takes leave of the Rt. Hon. Speaker Catherine Gotani Hara, MP, the President of the SADC PF Hon. Christophe MBOSO N’KODIA PWANGA, the SADC PF Secretary General, Ms Boemo Sekgoma, and all Speakers.
- 32 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 33 14:00 **SYMPOSIUM ON THE THEME FOR THE 51ST PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION**

Refer to a separate programme

