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**Honourable Minister and Dear Brother,**

I write to convey Malawi Government's deep concern and dismay on the new map issued by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania in which the boundary between our two countries has been depicted as the median of Lake Malawi.

You are aware that this is a matter under discussion by our two Governments and the position of the Malawi Government has always been that the border is along the shores of the Lake as prescribed in the 1890 Anglo-German Treaty. While our two countries are continuing discussions on the border issue, we find the production and release of this map as undermining the entire negotiation process.

The Malawi Government is even more concerned that the Director of Survey and Mapping, Dr. Selassie Mayunga, is reported to have said that the new map "clears the confusion regarding the Tanzania-Malawi border". We would like to protest in the strongest terms this statement by a senior official of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania as it puts into question the essence of the on-going discussions between our two countries on this matter.

I wish, therefore, to register our complaint on this new map and to request the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to withdraw this map until the discussions on this matter are concluded.

**Hon. Bernard Membe, M.P.**  
**Minister of Foreign Affairs and**  
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**Dar es Salaam**



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In light of this development, I wish to inform you that the Malawi delegation cannot travel to participate in the next round of consultations in Dar es Salaam from 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 until we receive an explanation on this matter

Please accept, Honourable Minister and Dear Brother, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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