



Oral Statement

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Madam President,

The World Evangelical Alliance thanks the Government of Malawi for engaging in the UPR.

We welcome the Government's support of State recommendations on countering human trafficking, including through the prosecution of traffickers, and improved co-ordination between law enforcement agencies.

We also welcome the creation of Malawi's 2015 Trafficking in Persons Act and of the anti-trafficking National Plan of Action for 2017-2022. We call on the Government of Malawi to continue with its efforts in tackling human trafficking.

In this respect, we would like to reiterate our recommendation to remove barriers for anti-trafficking civil society organizations applying for funding.

We also call on the Government of Malawi to raise awareness and build capacity of key persons in the community, such as village leaders, to involve them in countering human trafficking.

These measures will increase the efficiency of the Government's current efforts to combat human trafficking in Malawi.

Thank you.