

Report to Parliament by the Electoral Commission

The Number of Parliamentary Constituencies

and the Boundaries of each Constituency

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Introduction

(1) Appointment and Composition of the Electoral Commission

The current Electoral Commission was appointed by His Excellency the President on 1st July, 1998. The appointment was in terms of Section 75 of the Constitution as read with Section 4 (1) of the Electoral Commission Act No. 11 of 1998 which provides that the President shall, subject to the Constitution and in consultation with the Leaders of the political parties represented in the National Assembly, appoint suitably qualified persons to be members of the Commission on such terms and conditions as the Public Appointments Committee of Parliament shall determine. Those appointed by His Excellency the President were:

Justice William M.M. Hanjahanja	-	Chairman
Mrs. Flora C. Chirwa	-	Member
Mr. Nyemba W. Mbekeani	-	Member
Mr. Augustine G. Mtendere	-	Member
Mr. Garnet T.N. Kamwambe	-	Member
Mr. Arthur V. Nanthuru	-	Member
Ms. Monica E. Ngwembe	-	Member
Mr. Marco F. Kanjo	-	Member
Mr. Kafwe C. Tembo	-	Member

(2) Mandate of the Electoral Commission on Demarcation

In addition to the broad functions and powers conferred on the Commission by the Constitution and, subject to the Constitution, the Commission is required to exercise general direction and supervision over the conduct of every election and, without prejudice to the generality of such

functions and powers; it shall have the following further functions, among others:

- (a) to determine the number of constituencies for the purposes of elections;
- (b) to undertake or supervise the demarcation of boundaries of constituencies;
- © to review existing constituency boundaries at intervals of not more than five years and alter them in accordance with the principles laid down in the Constitution.

(3) **Activities Undertaken To Date**

Upon its assumption of duties on 1st July, 1998 the Electoral Commission undertook a number of activities in preparation for the 1999 Parliamentary and Presidential General Elections:

- (I) It immediately set up eight committees namely: Finance and Administration; Civic and Voter Education; Training; Campaign Monitoring; Media and Public Relations; Operations and Logistics; Legal Affairs and Voter Registration and Demarcation.
- (ii) The Commission has prepared a budget which is to be funded by the donor community and the Malawi Government.
- (iii) It has recruited its own Chief Elections Officer and other subordinate staff following the passage of the Electoral Commission Act which delinks the Commission Secretariat from that of the National Assembly. This move has enhanced the autonomous nature and independence of the Commission.

- (iv) Some commissioners have attended workshops and seminars on electoral matters in a number of countries; and the Chairman participated in an election observation mission to Germany early in September, 1998.
- (v) The Commission has prepared an election calendar for the 1999 General Election. All arrangements being in order regarding funding for printing of the registration forms, receipts and certificates, provision of Polaroid cameras and forms together with other registration materials i.e. registration kit, the voter registration exercise is scheduled to start on 1st February, 1999.
- (vi) The Commission finally undertook a familiarization and fact - finding district - by - district tour of the whole country.

(4) Assistance From International Foundation for Election Systems-
Building a Demarcation Infrastructure Project/ Malawi

The Commission has been greatly assisted by the USAID funded IFES Malawi/BDI Project , which made available consultants like Joe Baxter, IFES Senior Advisor for Election Administration based in Washington DC, and Vic Butler, a British-based Elections Consultant. They together with Dr. D. Gajadhar a Commonwealth Consultant inducted the newly appointed Commissioners to specifics of election management and administration as they are commonly applied. They supplied pamphlets and election materials for them to study step by step elements of electoral process and also helped to prepare the election calendar.

The IFES Consultants also prepared the Report On 'Issues In Preparation For The 1999 General Elections in Malawi. The report resulted from their visits to fourteen districts in Malawi. During the visits the consultants were accompanied by some former Commissioners. That Report was made available to the new Commissioners who found it to be very useful and enriching.

(5) **District-level Consultations**

The Electoral Commission undertook a tour of all the 26 districts in the three regions of the country starting from 7th October, 1998, and ending on 21st November, 1998 punctuated with breaks in between.

Meetings were arranged through District Commissioners and those who attended included representatives of political parties, Members of Parliament, Traditional Leaders, Government officials, members of the civil society and other stakeholders. It may be pleasing to note that these briefing sessions were well attended and adequately represented.

The objective of the visits was, apart from briefing the stakeholders at district level on preparations for the 1999 Parliamentary and Presidential General Election, for the Commission to consult with the stakeholders regarding the issue of re-demarcation of some constituencies where necessary.

In accordance with Section 76(2) of the Constitution, the Electoral Commission must review existing constituency boundaries at intervals of not more than five years and alter them in accordance with the principles laid down in Section 76 (2) (a) as follows:

“ to determine constituency boundaries impartially on the basis of ensuring that constituencies contain approximately equal numbers of voters eligible to register subject only to considerations of -

(I) population density;

(ii) ease of communication; and

(iii) geographical features and existing administrative areas;”

During the meetings, the Commission was able to explain to the district stakeholders, the constitutional requirements about re-demarcation and therefore, outlined the criteria cited above. In addition to the above criteria, it was explained that while the Commission was mandated to increase or reduce constituencies, its recommendations were but subject to confirmation by the National Assembly. The meetings were also informed that a detailed demarcation exercise regarding constituency boundaries would be conducted by the Commission in the post - election period by using Surveyors from the private sector and the Surveys Department. However, an appeal was made to the meetings that they urgently submit proposals especially in cases where their present members of Parliament were failing to adequately service their constituencies due to over population, inaccessibility, geographical features, etc.

(6) Factors Influencing Present Proposals

In the 1993 demarcation exercise, the Commission appeared to have placed less weight on the criterion that constituencies should contain approximately equal numbers of voters eligible to register. It also chose not to draw constituency boundaries that crossed regional or district boundaries. The previous Commission Report further gave a great deal of consideration to

geographical areas and sub-divided large constituencies rather than re-demarcating all constituencies within many districts. This resulted in the smallest constituency i.e. Nkhata Bay East having only 3,407 registered voters and the largest constituency i.e. Machinga North having 59,494 registered voters. This meant that the votes of the people of Nkhata Bay East had 17 times more value than the people of Machinga North in the National Assembly. For the 1999 elections, the Electoral Commission is proposing to re-demarcate the boundaries of the constituencies in accordance with Section 76(2) (b) of the Constitution.

In the Commission's present proposal to re-demarcate the constituency boundaries for the 1999 elections, it has addressed several factors that are important to the people of Malawi but which may be somewhat inconsistent with the principle of political equality and constituencies of approximately equal populations. These and other factors which influenced the Commission's recommendations are:

- (I) Lack of understanding among political leaders and the general population of the political equality principle as it applies to representation in the National Assembly. In discussing with the local political leaders, Government officials, Traditional Authorities, civil society, etc. the Electoral Commission was struck by the lack of understanding of the principle of political equality when applied to Malawi. Most of the people consulted earlier by the IFES team established that their district should not lose any constituencies. In fact, most felt that more constituencies should be created in their areas.

- (ii) That large areas of the country which are sparsely populated and virtually inaccessible by land;
- (iii) Large areas of the country have poor communication infrastructure. In most districts visited, the size of the current constituencies and the lack of transportation and communication infrastructure were the two important reasons most cited by the people. There was overwhelming feeling that geography and communications should be the standard by which constituencies should be re-demarcated.
- (iv) Views of Traditional Authorities were also of paramount importance. It is important and realistic to recognize that Traditional Authorities have the capacity to disrupt the election process if their views or demands were not properly addressed. Some Traditional Leaders were openly resistant to sharing a member of Parliament or having his/her traditional area split into two or more constituency areas.
- (v) The Commission has also considered and taken into account the 1994 voter registration statistics and in the absence of the September, 1998 Census figures as a basis for re-demarcation. See Appendix I for ease of reference.
- (vi) Due to shortness of time before the forthcoming General Elections in May, the Commission is unable to review all constituency boundaries in the country and has therefore placed greater emphasis on factors regarding the size of the current constituencies, lack of transportation and communications infrastructure, population density and views of

Traditional Authorities in coming up with the recommendations in this Report. However, the Commission proposes that after the General Elections, arrangements will be made for a nationwide comprehensive review of all the constituency boundaries together with local government wards using the established criteria and also produce constituency boundary maps.

(vii) For this report, the absence of constituency boundary maps is due to the fact that a number of District Commissioners, when submitting proposals from their districts, did not send maps to specify clearly the boundaries of the proposed constituencies vis-a-vis the existing constituencies from which the proposed constituencies have been created.

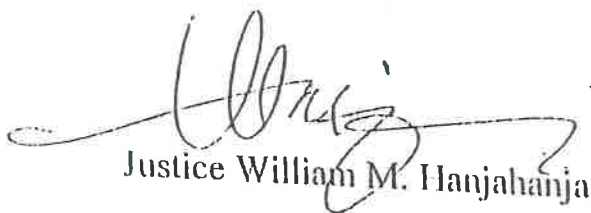
(viii) The population figures used in this report are based on the number of registered voters as recorded in the 1994 Parliamentary and Presidential Elections Report and data from the 1998 population and housing census.

(7) Conclusion

The forthcoming General Election will be the second multi-party election since the country opted for a multi-party system of government five years ago. The Electoral Commission is working towards ensuring that the elections shall be free and fair according to international standards and that the results of the election would be acceptable both nationally and internationally. The aim of the Commission is to enhance the sustainability of the country's young democracy in the interest of good governance and national development.

Towards that end, the Commission is putting in place appropriate mechanisms regarding the conduct of these elections starting with registration of voters, campaigning, nomination of candidates and polling to ensure free, fair and credible elections.

The Commission would like to express special thanks to the IFES and Commonwealth consultants for their valuable assistance. It also wishes to commend the cooperation and support it received from district stakeholders during its nationwide consultations. The views from the Traditional Authorities, political party leaders, Members of Parliament, Government officials and members of the civil society were very helpful to the Commission in making its decision and for which the Commission is very grateful. And finally, the Commission expresses its deep gratitude for the devoted assistance it received from its Secretariat in preparing this Report.




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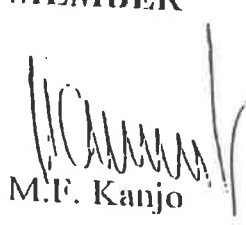
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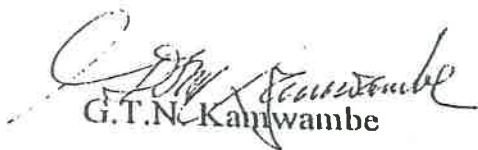
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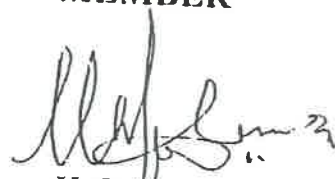
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CHITIPA

Number of Registered Voters (1994) - 53,462

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 125,619

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 56,867

The Commission visited Chitipa District on 19th October, 1998, in order, among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently five constituencies in the district. The local leaders have asked for two additional constituencies out of Chitipa East and Chitipa Central constituencies citing rugged topography, high population and vastness of area, respectively, as reasons for the request.

Having considered the requests, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Chitipa District should be delimited as follows -

(a) **Chitipa Misuku East**

The eastern part of Chitipa District comprising the area of Chief Mwenemisuku up to Wilindi Forest Ridge.

(b) **Chitipa Misuku West**

The western part of the area of Chief Mwenemisuku starting from Wilindi Forest Ridge.

(c) **Chitipa Bulambya North**

Created from the current Chitipa Central and Chitipa North constituencies.

(d) **Chitipa Bulambya South**

Created from the current Chitipa Central constituency and now excludes the North Council Ward of Chief Mwaulambya formerly under the old Chitipa North Constituency.

(e) **Chitipa Kameme** (Old Chitipa North)

The northern part of Chitipa District comprising the whole area of Chief Kameme and excluding the North Council Ward of chief Mwaulambya.

(f) Chitipa Wenya

This constituency comprises the whole area of Chief Mwenewenya and remains the same.

(g) Chitipa Nthalire

The southern part of Chitipa District comprising the area of Chief Nthalire and remains the same.

KARONGA

Number of Registered voters- 84,501

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 194,275

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) 92,124

The Commission visited Karonga District on 20th October, 1998, in order, among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently five constituencies in the district. The local leaders have asked for two additional constituencies out of Karonga North and Karonga North West citing high population and communication problems, as reasons.

Having considered the requests, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Karonga District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Karonga South

The southern part of Karonga District comprising the areas lying between Vinthukutu School drawing a straight line due west through Vinthukutu Forest to the edge of Nyika National Park and Chitimba River in Chief Wasambo's area including Vinthukutu School.

(b) Karonga Nyungwe

This constituency comprises the areas lying between Vinthukutu School and

Gumi Stream in Sub Chief Mwirang'ombe.

(c) Karonga Central

The central part of Karonga District comprising the area of Chief Kyungu from Lwasho to Ntchowo.

(d) Karonga North

The northern part of Karonga District comprising the area from Ngaramu to Ngana.

(e) Karonga Ngerenge

The Northern part of Karonga District comprising the area from Ntchowo to Ngaramu including the boundaries of Sub - Chief Mwakaboko and Chief Kilupula.

(f) Karonga Filauli

Comprising the area from Mkungwe to Wilira on the road up to Chitipa border.

(g) Karonga Lupembe

The former Karonga North West constituency from Lwasho to Ntchowo

RUMPHI

Number of Registered Voters- 62,273

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 128,274

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) -62,501

The Commission visited Rumphi District on 21st November, 1998, in order among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently four constituencies in the district. The local leaders have asked for one additional constituency citing size of the area, geographical and communication problems, as reasons.

Having considered the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in

Rumphi District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) **Rumphi East**

The eastern part of Rumphi District comprising the whole area of Chief Mwamlowe, Sub- Chief Chapinduka and the lakeshore area of Sub- Chief Mwalweni including Jalawe in the hilly areas.

(b) **Rumphi Central**

The central part of Rumphi District comprising part of sub-chief Mwahenga from Mhuju area in Sub-Chief Mwankhunikira and part of Chief Chikulamayembe which is in the Henga Valley including the Boma area up to Lunyina River.

(c) **Rumphi West**

The western part of Rumphi District comprising the whole of T.A. Katumbi, STA Zolokera and part of T.A. Chikulamayembe up to Khankha Stream at Chitanga.

(d) **Rumphi Nkhamanga**

Proposed new constituency comprising the area from Luviri River bordering the Central constituency and Khankha Stream.

(e) **Rumphi North**

The northern part of Rumphi District comprising the areas of Sub-Chief Kachulu and part of Sub-Chief Mwalweni in Phoka area and part of Sub-Chief Mwahenga up to Mhuju including Livingstonia Mission Station.

NKHATA BAY

Number Registered Voters- 72,051

Number of Estimated 1998 Population -171134

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) 84,600

The Commission visited Nkhata Bay District on 21st October, 1998, in order, among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently seven constituencies in the district. The local leaders have asked for two additional constituencies citing vastness of areas of existing constituencies and difficult terrain as reasons.

After considering the request, the Commission is of the view that the constituencies in Nkhata Bay District should remain as at present. The only change will be a new boundary between Nkhata Bay South and Nkhata Bay South East constituencies along Kande River.

The Commission therefore prescribes that the constituencies in Nkhata Bay District should be as follows:

(a) Nkhata Bay North

The northern part of Nkhata Bay District comprising the areas of Sub-Chief Mkondowe, Chief Boghoyo, Chief Musisya and Sub-Chief Nyaluwanga.

(b) Nkhata Bay East

The eastern part of Nkhata Bay District comprising Chizumulu and Likoma Islands in Chief Mkumpha's area.

(c) Nkhata Bay Central

The central part of Nkhata Bay District comprising the whole area of Sub Chief Mkumbira and that part of Chief Timbiri lying between Kandoli mountains and the Lake. From Limphasa bridge on the Mzuzu-Nkhata Bay road draw a straight line due North East to the top of Kandoli mountains range and follow these to the boundary with Sub Chief Nyaluwanga and take Thoto river to the Lake

(d) Nkhata Bay West

The western part of Nkhata Bay District comprising areas lying between Kajilirwe River in Chief Kabunduli to the boundary with Sub-Chief Zilakoma in the south.

(e) Nkhata Bay North West

The north western part of Nkhata Bay District comprising the northern part of Chief Kabunduli's area from Kajilirwe River to Kaning'ina Forest, including the remaining areas of Chief Timbiri.

(f) Nkhata Bay South East

The south eastern part of Nkhata Bay District comprising whole areas of Chief Mankhambira, Sub-Chief Fukamalaza and Sub-Chief Malanda in Chief Malengamzoma, the new boundary being along Kande River.

(g) Nkhata Bay South

The southern part of Nkhata Bay District comprising the areas of Chief Malengamzoma, Chief Fukamapiri and Sub-Chief Zilakoma.

MZIMBA

Number of Registered Voters- 272,908

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 523,028

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 252,228

The Commission visited Mzimba District on 22nd October, 1998, in order among other things, to review constituency boundaries in the district. Currently there are twelve constituencies in the district. The local leaders have requested eight additional constituencies in order to overcome communication problems and physical characteristics of the areas, and thereby facilitate manageability of the constituencies and enhance development.

After considering the requests, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Mzimba District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Mzuzu City

The whole area of Mzuzu City.

(b) Mzimba North

The western part of Njakwa Mountain Ridge in the northern part of Mzimba

District running along Rukuru River to Kazuni and the central part of Inkosi Mtwalo.

(c) **Mzimba Njakwa (New)**

The northern part of Mzimba District comprising the area of Inkosi Jaravikuba, Njakwa mountain ridge, including Engucwini, Madisi, and Luhomero.

(d) **Mzimba Solora**

That part of Mzimba District comprising the areas of these centres: Milala, Ngoli, Mntenthe, Mtelemuka, St Francis, Manyamula, Mabazi, Embambeni, Mharaunda, Themhani, Kavitukutu Chanjovu etc.

(e) **Mzimba Perekezi (New)**

That part of Mzimba District comprising the areas of these centres: Viply, Kamwaphindi, Kabuku, St Pauls, Davy, Mzimba LEA, Mzimba DEC, Emazwini, Chamunguluba, Ematheni, Mziza etc.

(f) **Mzimba West**

The western part of Mzimba District comprising the areas of Inkosi Mpherembe.

(g) **Mzimba Kasito (New)**

The western part of Mzimba District comprising Inkosi Mtwalo areas of Elangeni, Chinyera, Kafukule, including the eastern part of Inkosi Mpherembe's area up to Bowe centre bordering Rumphu District.

(h) **Mzimba South**

The southern part of Mzimba District comprising the whole area of Inkosi Mzukuzuku.

(i) **Mzimba Wasozi (New)**

The southern part of Mzimba District comprising the Area of Inkosi Mzikubola.

(j) Mzimba South East

The south-eastern part of Mzimba District comprising the area of Inkosi Khosolo Jere.

(k) Mzimba Mhoma (New)

The south-eastern part of Mzimba District comprising the remaining area of Inkosi Khosolo Jere determined by the new boundary running through Phazi - Lupachi - Dwangwa - Luwerezi - Mwache.

(l) Mzimba Luwelezi

Comprising part of Inkosi Mabulabo's area.

(m) Mzimba Elangeni (New)

Comprising the remaining part of Inkosi Mabulabo's area determined by the new boundary to run through Mkazimasika Kakwere - Kanjuchi - Luwerezi to Njewa.

(n) Mzimba Central

The central part of Mzimba District comprising Euthini North Council Ward, Euthini Central Ward and Euthini West Ward in Chief Chindi's area.

(o) Mzimba North-East

The north-eastern part of Mzimba District comprising Luhomero, Njuyu, Chombongondo, Kafulufulu, Ekwendeni, Enyezini including Ekwendeni Mission Station, Nkhorongo Choma Malivenji and Doroba in Chief Mtwalo's area.

(p) Mzimba South-West

The south-western part of Mzimba District comprising the area of Inkosi Ya Makosi M'Mbelwa including Kapopo Mhlanga Ward in Inkosi Ya Makosi M'Mbelwa but excluding M'Mbelwa East Ward, M'Mbelwa South Ward and M'Mbelwa Central Ward.

(q) Mzimba Hora

That part of Mzimba District comprising Euthini East Council Ward, Euthini South Council Ward in Chief Chindi's area and South Council ward in Inkosi Ya Makosi Makosi M'Mbelwa including Jandalala in Inkosi Mtwalo.

KASUNGU

Number of Registered Voters- 180,462

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 476,018

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) 230,325

The Commission visited Kasungu District on 22nd October, 1998, in order, among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently nine constituencies in the district. The local leaders have asked for four additional constituencies citing vastness of constituencies and high population as reasons.

After considering the request, the Commission is of the view that only three new constituencies be created therefore the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Kasungu District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Kasungu North

The northern part of Kasungu District comprising the area of Sub-Chief Chisikwa and Chief Kaluluma.

(b) Kasungu North North East

The north north eastern part of Kasungu District comprising the whole areas of Sub-Chiefs Simulemba and Nyanja.

(c) Kasungu North West

The north-western part of Kasungu District comprising the area of Chief Chulu.

(d) Kasungu Central

The central part of Kasungu District comprising Kasungu Township and the areas starting from Lisasadzi Bridge following Chibwe Stream to Kalinde down westwards to Dwangwa River, then following Chitete River, joining Nthema Stream going south-east to Lisasadzi River. These incorporate the following Council Wards: Chilanga Council Ward, Kasungu-Chipala Council Ward in Chief Kaomba's area and Chibophe Council Ward in Sub-Chief Chilowamatambe's area.

(e) **Kasungu East**

The eastern part of Kasungu District comprising Chamame and Kapyanga in Chief Wimbe.

(f) **KasunguKachokolo (new)**

The remaining area in Chief Wimbe

(g) **Kasungu South**

The southern part of Kasungu District comprising the area of Chief Santhe to Kasungu-Mchinji road.

(h) **Kasungu South-West (new)**

The remaining area of Chief Santhe from the Kasungu-Mchinji road.

(i) **Kasungu West**

The western part of Kasungu District comprising the Areas of T.A. Kawamba and S.T.A.Nthunduwala.

(j) **Kasungu South-South West (new)**

The south south western part of Kasungu District comprising the areas of T.A.Lukwa and T.A.Mwase.

(k) **Kasungu South East**

The South-eastern part of Kasungu District comprising the remaining area of Sub-Chief Chilowamatambe and the area of Sub-Chief Njombwa.

(i) Kasungu North East

The north eastern part of Kasungu District comprising the area of Chief Kapelula.

NKHOTAKOTA

Number of Registered Voters- 87,841

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 230,361

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) 111,180

The Commission visited Nkhotakota District on 23rd October, 1998, in order, among other things, to review constituency boundaries. There are currently five constituencies in the district. The local leaders have asked for one additional constituency out of Nkhotakota South East constituency.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Nkhotakota District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Nkhotakota North

The northern part of Nkhotakota District comprising the area lying between Dwambadzi River and Dwangwa River in Chief Kanyenda. From the Lakeshore Road bridge take the old Dwangwa River bed to the Lake.

(b) Nkhotakota North East

The north eastern part of Nkhotakota District lying between Dwangwa River and Bua River in Chief Kanyenda's area.

(c) Nkhotakota Central

The central part of Nkhotakota District comprising the northern area of Chief Malengachanzi and the whole area of Sub-Chief Mphonde but excluding Linga Council Ward in Chief Malengachanzi stretching from Bua River to

Nkhotakota/Ntchisi Road to the Lake.

(d) Nkhotakota South

The southern part of Nkhotakota District comprising the remaining part of Chief Malengachanzi from Linga Council Ward to Lifuliza River.

(e) Nkhotakota South-East

The south eastern part of Nkhotakota District comprising the whole area of Chief Mwadzama.

(f) Nkhotakota South West (new)

The western part of Nkhotakota District comprising the whole area of Sub-Chief Mwansambo including part of Chief Mwadzama from upper Likowa River down to Kayoyo Turn-off and turn southwards through Katonya to Chiruwa River.

NTCHISI

Number of Registered Voters- 56,893

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 167,353

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 80,191

The Commission visited Ntchisi District on 24th October, 1998, among other things, in order to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently four constituencies in the district. The local leaders have asked for two additional constituencies citing vastness of area, terrain, high population and communication problems as reasons.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Ntchisi District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Ntchisi North

The northern part of Ntchisi District comprising the whole area of Sub-Chief Chilooko in Chief Kalumo's area.

(b) Ntchisi South

The southern part of Ntchisi District comprising the whole area of Chief Kalumo.

(c) Ntchisi North East

The north eastern part of Ntchisi District comprising the whole area of Sub-Chief Nthondo.

(d) Ntchisi East

The eastern part of Ntchisi District comprising whole area of Chief Kasakula.

(e) Ntchisi South East

The eastern part of Ntchisi District comprising the whole area of Chief Chikho.

(f) Ntchisi Central

The central part of Ntchisi District comprising the whole area of Chief Malenga.

DOWA

Number of registered voters - 148,090

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 409,087

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 199,055

The Commission visited Dowa District on 24th October, 1998, in order, among other things, to review constituency boundaries.. There are currently seven constituencies in the district. The local leaders have requested three additional constituencies citing high population, vastness of areas and topography as reasons.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Dowa District should be delimited as follows :-

(a) Dowa North

The northern part of Dowa District comprising the whole area lying east of Kasangadzi River from source to its confluence with Bua River in Sub-Chief Chakhaza.

(b) Dowa Ngala

The area lying west of Kasangadzi River which includes group Village Headmen Kachiza, Chaungunda and Group Village Headmen Kabanga in Chief Dzoole and the remaining areas of Sub-Chief Chakhaza.

(c) Dowa Mndolera (new)

Comprising the whole area of T.A. Dzoole.

(d) Dowa West

Comprising the whole area of T.A. Kayembe.

(e) Dowa Central

The central part of Dowa District comprising the area of Chief Msakambewa.

(f) Dowa North East

To be split into two boundaries along Dzeleka and Ntchisi Road. To comprise T.A. Msakambewa with 10 group village headmen.

(g) Dowa Golong'ozzi (New)

Has come out from the old Dowa North East Constituency.

(h) Dowa East

Comprising Mvera , Chakhungu trading Centre in the area of Chief Chiwere from Lipimbi River EastWards up to the boundary with Dowa South East.

(i) Dowa Lipimbi (new)

Comprising the remaining part of Chief Chiwere including group village

headman Chigamba. Comes out from Dowa East Constituency from Lipimbi River.

(j) Dowa South East

The south eastern part of Dowa District comprising the whole area of Sub-Chief Mkukula.

SALIMA

Number of Registered Voters- 92,950

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 248,157

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 121,367

The Commission visited Salima District on 23rd October, 1998, among other things, in order to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently five constituencies in the district. The local leaders have asked for one additional constituency out of Salima Central constituency which is vast.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Salima District should be delimited as follows-

(a) Salima North

The whole area of Sub-Chief Mwanza, the northern part of Chief Khombedza comprising Chikwawa and Chimphanga areas and Kasache Village of Sub-Chief Msosa.

(b) Salima East

Created from Salima Central constituency comprising the areas of Chiefs Maganga, Kuluunda and part of Chief Kalonga, the boundary be drawn from Linthipe River Railway bridge to Domira Bay following the rail to the Sleeper Plant, Rashidi Village, Nakondwa Trading Centre, bypassing Kuti Cattle Ranch, Maye area to Domira Bay.

Maye area to Domira Bay.

(c) Salima West (new)

Created from Salima Central constituency comprising the remaining area of Chief Kalonga.

(d) Salima South

The Southern part of Salima District comprising the areas of Chief Ndindi and Sub-Chief Kambalame the boundary being Lifizi River to the Lake.

(e) Salima South East

Comprising the whole areas of Chief Pemba and Sub-Chief Kambwiri lying between Lifizi and Linthipe Rivers.

(f) Salima North West

The north western part of Chief Khombedza and the remaining part of Sub-Chief Msosa.

MCHINJI

Number of Registered Voters- 124,806

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 318,759

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) 152,176

The Commission visited Mchinji District on 26th October, 1998, in order, among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently six constituencies in the district and no change has been requested.

The Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Mchinji District should remain as at present as follows:-

(a) Mchinji North

The northern part of Mchinji District comprising the whole area of Chief

Mkanda.

(b) Mchinji North East

The north eastern part of Mchinji District comprising the whole area of Sub-Chief Dambe.

(c) Mchinji West

The western part of Mchinji District comprising the area of Chief Zulu.

(d) Mchinji East

The eastern part of Mchinji District comprising the whole area of Sub-Chief Mduwa.

(e) Mchinji South

The Southern part of Mchinji District comprising the whole area of Sub-Chief Mavwere.

(f) Mchinji South West

The south western part of Mchinji District comprising the whole area of Chief Mlonyeni.

LILONGWE

Number of Registered Voters- 457,595

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 1,337,777

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 666,359

The Commission visited Lilongwe District on 14th November, 1998, in order, among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently seventeen constituencies in the district. The local leaders have requested four additional constituencies citing population density, size of the area, as reasons.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Lilongwe District should be delimited as follows:

(a) **Lilongwe North East**

The north eastern part of Lilongwe District comprising the whole area of Chief Chimutu.

(b) **Lilongwe City Centre**

The northern part of Lilongwe City comprising Maliya Council Ward, Mbvunguti Council Ward, Alimaunde Council Ward, Nyama Council Ward and City Centre Ward in Chief Chitukula.

(c) **Lilongwe City North**

The northern part of Lilongwe District comprising the area of Chief Chitukula and Sub - Chief Mtema.

(d) **Lilongwe Milindi (New)**

The northern part of Lilongwe District comprising the area of Sub-Chief Mtema.

(e) **Lilongwe City South**

The southern part of Lilongwe City comprising Kawale, Chilinde, Area 23, Mchesi and Kaliyeka extending as far south as the City's boundary.

(f) **Lilongwe City West**

The western part of the City comprising Chipasula, Area 22, Phwetekere, Falls Estate and Chinsapo to the City's boundary.

(g) **Lilongwe West**

The western part of the district comprising the whole area of Chief Kalolo.

(h) **Lilongwe South West**

The south western part of Lilongwe District comprising the area of Chief Malili lying south of Chankhandwe Stream.

(i) **Lilongwe Kumachenga**

The whole area of Sub-Chief Njewa lying north of Chankhandwe River.

(j) **Lilongwe North West**

The north western part of Lilongwe District comprising the areas of Chief Khongoni.

(k) **Lilongwe South East**

The south eastern part of Lilongwe District comprising the area of Chief Kalumbu but excluding the area under Sub-Chief Tsabango in Chief Kalumbu's area.

(l) **Lilongwe East**

The eastern part of Lilongwe District comprising the whole area of Sub-Chief Chitekwere.

(m) **Lilongwe Msozi South (new)**

The southern area of Chief Chadza.

(n) **Lilongwe Msozi North**

Comprising the northern area of Chief Chadza

(o) **Lilongwe Mlodza**

Comprising the whole area of Chief Tsabango in Lilongwe central.

(p) **Lilongwe Chitsime (New)**

Comprising the whole area of Chief Kalumba in Lilongwe central.

(q) **Lilongwe Mpenu**

The whole area of Chief Mazengera.

(r) **Lilongwe South**

The southern part of Lilongwe District comprising the area of Chief Chiseka lying south of Lilongwe River.

(s) **Lilongwe Msinja**

The area of Chief Chiseka lying north of Lilongwe River.

(t) **Lilongwe North**

The north western part of Lilongwe District comprising the whole area of Chief Kabudula.

DEDZA

Number of Registered Voters- 182,812

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 483,136

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 234,966

The Commission visited Dedza District on 27th October, 1998, in order, among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently eight constituencies in the district. The Local Leaders have requested one additional constituency to be created out of Dedza Central constituency which is vast.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Dedza District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) **Dedza North**

The northern part of Dedza District comprising the remaining area of Chief Chauma.

(b) **Dedza East**

The eastern part of Dedza District comprising the whole area of Chief Kachindamoto.

(c) **Dedza Central**

The central part of Dedza District starting at Linthipe 2 following the river westwards up to where Linthipe and Thete rivers meet them go westwards to the border with Dedza South West constituency.

(d) **Dedza Central West**

The remaining part of Dedza Central Constituency.

(e) **Dedza West**

The western part of Dedza District comprising the whole area of Chief Pemba excluding Talaona, Mphunzi, Mcheneka and Chisiri but including Chinkhanambo in Sub-Chief Chilikumwendo.

(f) **Dedza Central East**

The central eastern part of Dedza District comprising Mayani Council Ward, Mayani North West Council Ward in Chief Chauma, Chongoni North Council Ward, Linthipe Council Ward and Chongoni East Council Ward in Chief Kaphuka.

(g) **Dedza North West**

The north western part of Dedza District comprising the remaining area of Sub-Chief Chilikumwendo including Talaona in Chief Pemba but excluding Chinkhanambo.

(h) **Dedza South West**

The south western part of Dedza District comprising the area of Chief Pemba, but excluding Lifidzi West Council Ward and also the area of Village Headman Kapesi in Chief Pemba.

(i) **Dedza South**

The southern part of Dedza District comprising the whole area of Chief Kasumbu and the area of Sub-Chief Kamenya-Gwaza including the area of Village Headman Kapesi in Chief Pemba's area.

NTCHEU

Number of Registered Voters- 129,918

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 370,988

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 179,447

The Commission visited Ntcheu District on 27th October, 1998 in order, among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently seven constituencies in the district. The local leaders have requested one additional constituency to be created out of Ntcheu North East which is vast.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Ntcheu District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) **Ntcheu North**

The northern part of Ntcheu District comprising the areas of Chief Masasa and Chakhumbira in the hilly areas and Chakhatha South Council Ward in Chief Njolomole.

(b) **Ntcheu Bwanje North**

The eastern part of Ntcheu District comprising the area lying north of Matundu River to its confluence with Bwanje River including the whole of Sub-Chief Ganya and the area of Group Village Headman Yesaya in Chief Masasa.

(c) **Ntcheu Bwanje South**

The eastern part of Ntcheu District comprising the area south of Matundu River to its confluence with Bwanje River in Sub-Chief Makwangwala but excluding Kwataine Bawi South Council Ward and Kwataine Bawi North Council Ward in

Sub-Chief Makwangwala.

(d) Ntcheu Central

The central part of Ntcheu District comprising part of Chief Kwataine including Kwataine Bawi South Council Ward in Sub-Chief Makwangwala and the remaining area of Kwataine Bawi Council Ward and Madzanje South Council Ward in Sub-Chief Champiti but excluding the area surrounding the Boma which forms part of the western constituency.

(e) Ntcheu West

The western part of Ntcheu District comprising the whole area of Chief Mpando, including the Boma area and the neighbouring villages which form District Council Ward 4 in Chief Kwataine and the area under Village Headman Chabwera in Chief Phambala's area.

(f) Ntcheu South

The southern part of Ntcheu District comprising the area of Chief Phambala but excluding Kwataine Madzanje South Council Ward in Sub-Chief Champiti and Chief Kwataine but excluding the area under Village Headman Chabwera in Chief Phambala's area.

(g) Ntcheu North East

The north eastern part of Ntcheu District comprising the areas of Group Village Headmen Muwalo, Khomba, Kalumbu and Chauya in T.A. Njolomole, and Group Village Headmen Namale and Chipojola in T.A. Chakhumbira.

(h) Ntcheu East (new)

Comprising the areas of Group Village Headmen Pamdule and Chauya in T.A. Njolomole and Group Village Headmen Kahowera, Chiluzi, Chimpunza, Kamphulusa and Chale in T.A. Ganya

BALAKA

Number of Registered Voters-

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 252,046

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 123,938

The Electoral Commission visited Balaka District on 12th November, 1998, among other things, in order to review the constituency boundaries. Balaka was declared an autonomous district from Machinga earlier this year and it was necessary to review its constituencies. Currently the new district has three constituencies named after Machinga. The local leaders have recommended the existing constituencies to be named after Balaka, and have also requested three additional constituencies for the district.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Balaka District should be delimited as follows:

(a) **Balaka Ngwangwa (new)**

Comprising the area starting from Manjawira -Mchima School-Liwawadzi Trading Centre- Chimatiro-Mzengeza-Toleza School-Khwisa and follow Liwawadzi River up to Ntcheu District boundary, it includes the whole of Balaka Township and part of the former Machinga West.

(b) **Balaka Central (new)**

Comprises the area starting at Toleza to Ulongwe Trading Centre via Mbera, following the tarmac road from Ulongwe to Mangochi turn off then follow the road from Zomba up to Liwawadzi River via Chiendausiku.

(c) **Balaka East (new)**

Starting from Mangochi turn off following the road to Mangochi running parallel to Balaka Central up to Mpale River, then follow Mpale River up to Malombe where it joins the River Shire and follows it down to the Road Block at Liwonde.

(d) **Balaka North**

The area starting at Toleza following Liwawadzi River up to Khwisa and to Ntcheu district boundary and then follow the boundary with Mangochi up to Mpale Bridge and end at Ulongwe.

(e) **Balaka West**

Comprising the area of Chief Msamala lying West of the railway line and then gravel road to Balaka but excluding that part north of Zomba/Lilongwe Road which forms part of Balaka Ngwangwa.

(f) **Balaka Rivirivi**

That part of Chief Msamala lying east of the railway line and the gravel road to Balaka to the Shire River.

MANGOCHI

Number of Registered Voters- 256,162

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 599,935

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 298,782

The Commission visited Mangochi District on 13th October, 1998, among other things, in order to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently ten constituencies in the district. The local leaders have asked for six additional constituencies citing sizes of areas, population, communication pattern as well as geographical considerations as reasons.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Mangochi District be delimited as follows:-

(a) **Mangochi North**

The northern part of Mangochi District comprising the area north of Mpilipili.

(b) **Mangochi Mpilipili (new)**

The area south of Mpilipili in the former Mangochi North constituency.

© **Mangochi Lutende**

The area of Sub-Chief Namabvi Stretching from Unga River south of Lungwena River, and to include Moto Village.

(d) **Mangochi North East**

Comprising the area from the boundary with Lutende constituency extending to Nsawa River.

(e) **Mangochi Malombe (new)**

The area to the south of Nsawa River.

(f) **Mangochi Lipinda (new)**

Comprising the area forming boundary with Mangochi Masongola constituency.

(g) **Mangochi East**

The remaning areas of the present Mangochi East constituency

(h) **Mangochi South**

The area on the right hand side of the road to Ntaja from Chiponde.

(i) **Mangochi Ipani (new)**

The area on the left hand side of the road to Ntaja Chiponde.

(j) **Mangochi Pirilongwe (new)**

The area to the other side of Pirilongwe Forest Reserve including Chilipa.

(k) **Mangochi Namisi**

The area on the Katema side of the Forest Reserve.

(l) **Mangochi Nkungulu**

The area bordering Ulongwe in the present Mangochi Central.

(m) **Mangochi Central**

The remaining area in Mangochi Central constituency.

(n) **Mangochi South West**

The south western part of Mangochi District comprising part of Chief Chimwala including Chilipa Council Ward and Katema Council Ward in Chief Mponda but excluding KuBala Village in Chief Mponda.

(o) **Mangochi Monkey Bay**

The area of Chief Nankumba lying east of Lisangadzi River.

(p) **Mangochi Masongola**

The remaining areas of Chief Jalasi lying north of Mandimba River.

MACHINGA

Number of Registered Voters- 258,690

Number of Estimated Population - 366,196

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) 181,825

The Commission visited Machinga District on 9th November, 1998, in order, among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently seven constituencies in the district. The Local Leaders have requested three additional constituencies citing size, population, and geographical reasons.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Machinga District should be delimited as follows-

(a) **Machinga North East**

The north eastern part of Machinga District comprising of the whole areas of Chief Nyambi and Sub-Chief Chiwalo.

(b) **Machinga Central**

The whole area of Chief Liwonde.

(c) **Machinga Central East**

The whole area of Chief Mlomba and part of Chief Kawinga which follows the Liwonde - Nayuchi Railway line and Mikoko Railway line then joining Mikoko River to Lake Chirwa. And also Nsanama village and Mchemba F.P. School.

(d) **Machinga East**

The whole area of Chief Kawinga excluding the area forming part of Central East Constituency. Also including the Villages of Ntaja, Chipanda, Mowere, Kamkwamba, Mbere Songolo, Lock, Issa, Ngawongo, Mosiya, Mkweya, Chikumba, M'meta, Mahuta and Muhepere.

(e) **Machinga South East**

The South Eastern part of Machinga District comprising the areas of Chief Ngokwe and Chikweo, Sub Chief Mposa extending from Likwenu River then following straight line to Chikala Hills down to the Lake Chirwa.

(f) **Machinga Likwenu**

The whole area of Chief Sitola and including Liwonde Township to the Likwenu.

(g) **Machinga South East**

The South Eastern part of Machinga District comprising the areas of Chiefs Ngokwe and Chikweo.

(h) **Machinga Makongolo**

The whole area of Chief Ngokwe. The area is lying to the East of Machinga South East Constituency.

(i) **Machinga Magomero**

The area covering the Eastern part of Traditional Authority Kawinga, cutting the present Machinga East Constituency from Michesi, Luwatala School, Bamba Stream through Mtambo Village, Naming'azi School, Chapusa Village and joining Mikoko River down to Lake Chirwa.

(j) **Machinga Mwalasi**

The whole area is in Chief Liwonde to the South of Machinga Central but to the West of Machinga Central East Constituency. It cuts the Machinga Central Constituency from Machinga Headquarters down to Mwalasi and part of Liwonde National Park.

ZOMBA

Number of Registered Voters- 214,253

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 540,428

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 277,067

The Commission visited Zomba District on 9th November, 1998 in order, among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. There are currently eight constituencies in the district. The local leaders have requested three additional constituencies citing population size and communication problems as reasons.

Having considered the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Zomba District be delimited as follows:

(a) **Zomba North**

The northern part of Zomba District comprising the whole area of Chief Malemia.

(b) **Zomba Mpyupyu**

The north eastern part of Zomba District comprising the whole area of Chief Kuntumanji.

(c) **Zomba Central**

The whole area of Central Zomba comprising the Municipality of Zomba.

(d) **Zomba East**

The eastern part of Zomba District comprising the area of T.A. Mkumbira, and Group Village Headman Chaweza, Chindongo and Makawa in Chief Mwambo.

(e) **Zomba Likangala**

The eastern part of Zomba district comprising part of Chief Mwambo.

(f) **Zomba Ntonya**

The south western part of Zomba District in Chief Chikowi from the Municipality boundaries to the boundary with Zomba South constituency.

(g) **Zomba Lisanjala**

The north western part of Zomba District comprising the north western part of Chief Mlumbe lying north of Namitembo Stream to the boundary with Machinga District.

(h) **Zomba West**

The western part of Zomba District comprising the remaining area of Chief Mlumbe.

(i) **Zomba Chungalume**

This comprises the areas of that part of Zomba up to the boundary of Zomba West and Zomba South constituencies. The Blantyre main road to form the boundary as currently the position is.

(j) **Zomba South**

The Southern part of Zomba District comprising the area of Sub-Chief Mbiza.
The boundaries in the South and in the North remain the same.

(k) **Zomba Chikomwe**

Part of Zomba South from Jenela market starting from the Namadzi Bridge on Milepa road up to Dipping Tank at Mayaka following the road boundary.

BLANTYRE

Number of Registered Voters- 267,599

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 782,226

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 409,948

The Commission visited Blantyre District on 15th October, 1998 in order, among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. Currently there are ten constituencies in the district. The Local Leaders have requested six additional constituencies to be created citing high population and vastness of some constituencies as reasons.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Blantyre District should be delimited as follows-

(a) **Blantyre City South East**

Comprising the whole area of Chief machinjiri.

(b) **Blantyre Chigumula**

Comprising the whole area of Chief Kapeni.

(c) **Blantyre City Central**

Comprising Blantyre Central Ward up to Mudi River, Ndirande North Ward and parts of Ndirande West Ward and Ndirande South including all the area to east of Nasolo River up to Makata Road junction and the whole area to the east of Blantyre/ Chileka Road.

(d) Blantyre Malabada (new)

Comprising Nyambadwe Council Ward and parts of Ndirande West Council Ward covering all the area to the West of Nasolo River up to the junction with Makata Road and all the area to the West of Blantyre-Chileka Road.

(e) Blantyre City West

The Western part of the City of Blantyre comprising Chilomoni Council Ward, Nancholi Council Ward, Michiru Council Ward , Blantyre West Council Ward and Likhubula Council Ward.

(f) Blantyre Kabula

Comprising South Lunzu Council Ward and parts of Nyambadwe Ward.

(g) Blantyre City East

Comprising Nkolokoti Council Ward, Mapanga Council Ward, parts of Limbe Central East and West Council Wards lying North of Kenyatta Drive and Churchill Road and Chichiri Council Ward.

(h) Blantyre Bangwe (new)

Comprising Bangwe Council Ward, Mzedi Council Ward and parts of Limbe East Council Ward.

(i) Blantyre West

Comprising the whole of Chief Kunthembe's area.

(j) Blantyre Chilangoma (new)

Comprising the whole of Chief Kuntaja's area.

(k) Blantyre North

Comprising the whole of Chief Chigaru's area.

(l) Blantyre Linjidi (new)

Comprising the whole of Chief Lundu's area.

(m) **Blantyre North East**

The north eastern part of Blantyre rural comprising the whole area of Chief kapeni.

(n) **Blantyre South West**

The south western part of Blantyre District comprising the remaining areas of Chief Somba and Chief Kapeni.

(o) **Blantyre Rural East**

The eastern part of Blantyre rural comprising the whole area of Chief Makata and Chief Machinjiri.

(p) **Blantyre City South**

The southern part of the City of Blantyre comprising Blantyre East Ward, Soche West Ward and Soche East Ward.

CHIRADZULU

Number of Registered Voters- 98,812

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 235,123

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 120, 348

The Commission visited Chiradzulu District on 10th October, 1998 in order, among other things, to review constituency boundaries. There are currently five constituencies in the district. The Local Leaders have requested two additional constituencies citing vastness of the constituencies and dense population as reasons.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Chiradzulu District should be delimited as follows-

(a) **Chiradzulu South**

The southern part of Chiradzulu District comprising the whole area of Traditional Authority Nkalo (i.e. Gonawambo Council ward, Sakata Council ward, Midima Council ward and Makako Council ward).

(b) Chiradzulu South - East (Namitambo) (new)

The south eastern part of Chiradzulu District comprising of Mitumbila Council ward, Nsoni Council ward, Mambala Council ward and Chikungulu Council Ward in Traditional Authority Kadewere.

(c) Chiradzulu - South West

The southern western part of Chiradzulu District comprising Sendekwe Council ward, Chilimankhwanje Council ward, Malabvi Council ward and Mbombwe Council ward in Chief Likoswe, the boundary being the western side of the main tarmac road from City Boundary (Yasini) towards the Boma up to PIM-turn off to Chimpesa school via PIM mission.

(d) Chiradzulu Central

The central part of Chiradzulu District comprising of Lisao Council ward, Namachete Council ward, Chingala Council ward, Tsangano Council ward and Manole Council ward, the boundary being the Eastern side of the main tarmac road from city Boundary (Yasini) towards the Boma to PIM - turn off up to Chimpesa school to Chamdimbo up to Mbulumbuzi meeting the Blantyre-Zomba road. From Mbulumbuzi taking the Zomba-Blantyre road up to Yasini (City Boundary) in Traditional Authority Mpama.

(e) Chiradzulu North

The Northern part of Chiradzulu District comprising the area lying east of the Blantyre-Zomba road in Chief Chitera, Namiseche Council ward in Chief Ntchema and the remaining part of Chief Mpama.

(f) Chiradzulu East

The eastern part of Chiradzulu District comprising Mwanje Council ward, Thumbwe Council ward, Namatunu Council ward, Namikoko Council ward, Nangulukutiche Council ward in Chief Kadewere and Nasulu Council ward in Chief Ntchema.

(g) **Chiradzulu West**

That part of Chief Chitera lying west of the Blantyre-Zomba Road.

MWANZA

Number of Registered Voters- 49,192

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 136,910

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 65,942

The Commission visited Mwanza District on 12th November, 1998 in order, among other things, to review the constituencies. There are currently four constituencies in the district. The Local Leaders have requested one additional constituency to be created out of Mwanza East constituency which is vast and mountainous as well as populous.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Mwanza District should be delimited as follows-

(a) **Mwanza East**

The eastern part of Mwanza District comprising the whole area of Chief Symon Likongwe.

(b) **Mwanza North East**

The north eastern part of Mwanza comprising part of T.A. Mlauli covering group Village Headmen: Magaletta, Dzomoya, Makanani, Golden, Chimpanzi, and part of T.A. Dambe covering the area of Group Village Headman Soka.

(c) **Mwanza North**

The northern part of Mwanza District comprising the areas of Chief Dambe and Chief Ngozi.

(d) **Mwanza West**

The western part of Mwanza District comprising the whole area of Chief Nthache.

(e) **Mwanza Central**

The central part of Mwanza District comprising the whole area of Chief Kanduku.

PHALOMBE

Projected Number of Registered Voters-

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 231, 448

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 117,952

The Commission visited Phalombe District on 10th October, 1998 in order, among other things, to review the constituency boundaries. Phalombe was declared an autonomous district from Mulanje in 1997 and it is necessary to review its constituencies. Currently there are four constituencies in the new district, all named after Mulanje. The local leaders have requested three additional constituencies to facilitate supervision of development projects in view of the large population in the district.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Phalombe District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) **Phalombe Central**

The Central part of the district comprising the areas of Group Village Headmen Nalingula, Mkhumba, Chimenya, Mphonde and Ndugunya.

(b) Phalombe South

The southern part of the district comprising the areas of Group Village Headmen Bwanaisa, Kaledzela, Kuchombe, Manjalende and Nyambalo.

© Phalombe Mauzi

Comprising the areas of Group Village Headmen Maoni, Namalima, Thunga, Chabuka, Nampinga nad Chabe.

(d) Phalombe North

The northern part of Mulanje District comprising Mkhumba East Council Ward, Mkhumba North Council Ward and Mkanda East Council Ward.

(e) Phalombe North East

The north eastern part of Mulanje District comprising Nazombe North East Council Ward and Nazombe East Council Ward.

(f) Phalombe North West

The north western part of Mulanje District comprising Mkhumba Central Council Ward, Mkhumba South Council Ward, Mkhumba West Council Ward and Mkanda North East Council Ward.

(g) Phalombe East

The eastern part of Phalombe District comprising the remaining areas of Sub-Chief Laston Njema from Ruu to Chiringa including Nazombe South Council Ward and Nazombe Central Council ward.

MULANJE

Number of Registered Voters- 257,006

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 428,079

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 220,832

The Commission visited Mulanje District on 9th October, 1998 in order, among other things, to review the constituencies. There are currently seven constituencies in the district. The Local Leaders have requested seven additional constituencies in the district. In making their request, the Leaders have taken into account mountains, numerous rivers and swampy areas that frustrate accessibility to most areas during the rainy season.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Mulanje District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) **Mulanje North West**

The north western part of T.A. Juma north of Thumbwe / Chisawani River.

(b) **Mulanje North**

The northern part of Mulanje District comprising the area of T.A. Nkanda north of Likulezi River.

(c) **Mulanje West**

The remaining part of T.A. Juma's area.

(d) **Mulanje Chambe**

The central part of Mulanje District bordering Likulezi River in the north and Chikonde River in the West in T.A. Nkanda's area.

(e) **Mulanje Pasani**

The remaining part of T.A. Nkanda's area.

(f) **Mulanje South West**

The south western part of Mulanje District comprising the whole area of Chief Mthiramanja.

(g) **Mulanje Central**

The central part of Mulanje District comprising the areas of T.A. Chikumbu

north of Nachimango River.

(h) **Mulanje Mbiza**

Comprising the remaining part of T.A. Chikumbu south of Nachimango River.

(i) **Mulanje Bale**

Comprising the area of T.A. Mabuka in south west of Mulanje District bordering Thanguzi River to the East.

(j) **Mulanje South**

The southern part of Mulanje District comprising that area of Chief Mabuka lying between Lichenya River and Likhubula River.

(k) **Mulanje Lujeri**

Comprising the northern section of T.A. Mabuka.

(l) **Mulanje East**

Comprising the eastern part of Mulanje District in T.A. Njema's area north of Nanchidwa River.

(m) **Mulanje Limbuli**

Comprising the southern section of T.A. Njema south of Nanchidwa River.

(n) **Mulanje Mathambi**

Comprising the remaining part of T.A. Mabuka's area.

THYOLO

Number of Registered Voters- 253,491

Number of Estimated 1998 Population -457,954

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) -230,896

The Commission visited Thyolo District on 9th October, 1998 in order, among other things, to review the constituencies in the district. There are Currently Seven constituencies in the district. The Local Leaders have requested four additional constituencies citing topography, geographical size and communication problems as reasons.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the consituencies in Thyolo District be delimited as follows:-

(a) **Thyolo North**

The northern part of Thyolo District comprising Chimvu Council Ward in Chief Chimaliro.

(b) **Thyolo Makungwa**

Comprising the whole area of Chief Bvumbwe

(c) **Thyolo East**

The eastern part of Thyolo District comprising the remaining areas of Chief Chimaliro including Muonekera Council ward.

(d) **Thyolo South**

The southern part of Thyolo District comprising Lufuluni Ward, Lisule Ward, and Mapanga Ward in Chief Nsabwe and Sub-Chief Thukuta.

(e) **Thyolo Mapanga**

The whole area of STA Mbawela

(f) **Thyolo Thava**

That part of Thyolo District comprising Nankhungu Ward, Mphembere Ward and Molere Ward in Chief Changata's area

(g) **Thyolo Dzimbiri**

Comprises the whole area of S.T.A. Mphuka

(h) **Thyolo Central**

The central part of Thyolo District comprising the area of Chief Nchilamwela

(i) **Thyolo Khonjeni**

Comprising the whole area of Chief Kapichi

(j) **Thyolo West**

The western part of Thyolo District comprising the area of Chief Thomas and Sub-Chief Mphuka in Chief Changata's area but excluding Dzimbiri Ward.

(k) **Thyolo Masambanjati**

The South western part of Thyolo District comprising the remaining area of Chief Changata and the area of Sub-Chief Khwethemule from the district boundary with Blantyre to Nkhate River comprising Nkula, Dzimbiri, Zibi and Livuzi Ward.

CHIKWAWA

Number of Registered Voters- 184,778

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 342,664

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 169,721

The Commission visited Chikwawa District on 7th October, 1998 in order, among other things, to review the constituencies in the district. There are currently six constituencies in the district. The Local Leaders have requested two additional constituencies because of vastness of existing constituencies and communications problems.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Chikwawa District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) **Chikwawa East**

The eastern part of Chikwawa District comprising the areas of the Chief Makhuwira from Maperera River to Milore River.

(b) Chikwawa Central

The central part of Chikwawa District comprising the west bank areas of Shire River of Chief Maseya and Chief Katunga.

(c) Chikwawa Mwanza

The area stretching from Nkombedzi River to Mwanza River to the south of Chikwawa Central constituency.

(d) Chikwawa North West

The area stretching from Chimwanjale River to the east ending at the Mozambique border to the west and Mwanza District in the north.

(e) Chikwawa West

Comprising the areas from Kakoma River to the east and to Chimwanjale River to the west.

(f) Chikwawa North

The northern part of Chikwawa District comprising the whole area of Chief Kasisi and the eastern bank areas of Shire River of Chiefs Maseya and Katunga.

(g) Chikwawa Nkombezi

Stretching from Nkombezi River to the south and bordering Shire River in the east.

(h) Chikwawa South

The southern part of Chikwawa District comprising the remaining part of Chief Ngabu lying between Nyakamba River and Lalanje River on the boundary with Nsanje.

NSANJE

Number of Registered Voters- 71,305

Number of Estimated 1998 Population - 194,481

Number of Eligible Voters (18 years +) - 95,623

The Commission visited Nsanje District on 8th October, 1998 in order, among other things, to review the constituencies in the district. There are currently five constituencies in the district. The Local Leaders have requested two additional constituencies because of the size of the constituency and high population.

After considering the request, the Commission prescribes that the constituencies in Nsanje District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Nsanje North

The northern part of Nsanje District comprising the whole area of Chief Mlolo.

(b) Nsanje Central

The central part of Nsanje District covering Nyanjiwa, Gandale, Namiyala and Tengani.

(c) Nsanje Nyamithuthu (New)

Comprising the area from Namiyala, stream to the south to former Chikapa Court in T.A. Tengani's area in the north to Bwangu and Kaloga in T.A. Mbenje's area.

(d) Nsanje Lalanje

Comprising the area from Chikapa Court, Mchacha 6 and Sorgin.

(e) Nsanje South

Comprising the areas of Chief Ndamera and Chief Nyachikadza.

(f) **Nsanje South East (New)**

Comprising the whole area of T.A. Chimombo and T.A. Makoko.

(g) **Nsanje South West**

Comprising the areas of Chief Ngabu and part of Chief Malemia up to Gandale.

APPENDIX I

District	Current No. of Constituencies	Additional Constituencies Requested	Total Number of Constituencies	Total Number of registered voters 1994	Current Population Figures	Projected No. Registered voters (1999)
(a) Northern Region						
Chitipa	5	2	7	53,462	125,619	56,867
Karonga	5	2	7	84,501	194,275	92,124
Rumphi	4	1	5	62,273	128,274	62,501
Nkhata Bay	7	2	7	72,051	171,134	84,600
Mzimba	12	6	18	272,908	610,058	296,767
Subtotals	33	13	44	545,195	1,229,360	592,859
(b) Central Region						
Kasungu	9	4	13	180,462	476,018	230,325
Nkhotakota	5	1	6	87,841	230,361	111,180
Ntchisi	4	2	6	56,893	167,353	80,191
Dowa	7	3	10	148,090	409,087	199,055
Salima	5	1	6	92,950	248,157	121,367
Mchinji	6	0	6	124,806	318,759	152,176
Lilongwe	17	4	21	457,595	1,337,777	666,359
Dedza	8	1	9	182,812	483,136	234,966
Ntcheu	7	1	8	129,918	370,988	179,447
Subtotals	68	17	85	1,461,367	4,041,636	1,975,066
(c) Southern Region						
Balaka	3	3	6	0	252,046	123,938
Mangochi	10	6	16	256,162	599,935	298,782
Machinga	7	3	10	258,690	366,196	181,825
Zomba	8	3	11	214,253	540,428	277,067
Chiradzulu	5	2	7	98,812	235,123	120,348
Blantyre	10	6	16	267,599	782,226	409,948
Mwanza	4	1	5	49,192	136,910	65,942
Phalombe	4	3	7	0	231,448	117,952
Mulanje	7	7	14	257,006	428,079	220,832
Thyolo	7	4	11	174,357	457,954	117,952
Chikwawa	6	2	8	121,318	342,664	169,721
Nsanje	5	2	7	71,305	194,481	95,623
Sub totals	76	42	118	1,768,694	4,567,490	2,199,930
Grand Totals	177	72	247	3,775,256	9,838,486	4,767,855