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EU hands over furniture at Bunda Primary School on Human Rights Day

On 10 December 2009 at 10:30hs, the Micro-Projects Programme (MPP), a joint programme between the European Union (EU) and the Government of Malawi, will hand over furniture to students and teachers at Bunda L.E.A. Primary School in Lilongwe to the value of €5,084, approximately MK 1 million. Speeches will be given by the guest of honour, Deputy Minister of Finance Hon. Fraser Mhoriya of the Ministry of Finance; Chargé d'Affaires of the EU Delegation to Malawi Mr. Horst Pilger; Principal of Bunda College of Agriculture Prof. M. Kwapata; and Traditional Authority Chadza. Dr. Isaac Munlo, MPP Programme Coordinator, will give welcome remarks.

During the months of November and December 2009, the MPP provides assorted school, hospital and other furniture to primary and secondary schools and health institutions in all 29 districts in Malawi to the total value of €1,392,788, approximately MK 298 million. The furniture is supplied, delivered and assembled by Globe Corporation BV of the Netherlands and Mapanga Furniture Limited of Malawi.

It total, the MPP hands over the following:

- 15,706 primary and secondary school desks and 483 teachers' tables;
- 4,590 wooden single-seat chairs;
- 1,290 polypropylene chairs and 900 school laboratory stools;
- 180 school beds and 378 mattresses;
- 58 bookshelves and 46 library reading tables;
- 212 single-steel hospital beds and 238 high-density form mattresses.

The handover ceremony at Bunda will mark the end of the fourth MPP. Between 2004 and 2009, the programme has implemented 991 projects in the areas of health and sanitation; education; community development; decentralisation; agricultural production; and value adding.

The Bunda handover coincides with the International Human Rights Day. The EU welcomes this year's motto *Embrace Diversity, End Discrimination*. As part of its commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights outside its borders, the EU is, and will remain, firmly committed to the prevention and eradication of any forms of discrimination around the globe.

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