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MALAWI COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PUBLICATION OF US\$625 FINE IMPOSED ON RADIO ISLAM FOR BREACHING CLAUSE 2 (a) OF THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT AND CLAUSE 10.1.3 OF THEIR LICENCE BY DENIGRATING OTHER RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

(Pursuant to section 54 (5) (c) of the Communications Act)

The Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority hereby imposes US\$625 fine on Radio Islam for breaching Clause 2 (a) of the Third Schedule to the Communications Act and Clause 10.1.3 of its Licence by denigrating other religious beliefs.

In January, 2013 Radio Islam aired a program where they denigrated the Christian religion by among other things stating that Jesus Christ is not the Son of God and all people who follow him shall perish in heli. Upon hearing representations from Radio Islam, they admitted to have aired the program in breach of both the Communications Act and their Licence terms and conditions.

Radio Islam has been warned before for the same conduct of denigrating other religious beliefs. Therefore, pursuant to Section 54 (5) (c) of the Communications Act, the Authority has imposed a fine of US\$625 on Radio Islam which is a quarter of their Licence fees.

In accordance with Section 54 (4) of the Communications Act, the Authority hereby publishes the imposition of the fine and the reason for the imposition.

Dated this 28th day of March 2013.

CHARLES NSALIWA

Director General