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Malawi – Illegal stamps

Dear Sir/Madam

The postal administration of **MALAWI** asks me to inform postal administrations of Union member countries of the following:

"The Malawi postal administration has recently noted four illegal issues of postage stamps which have been put in circulation and are currently on sale on the Internet.

"The Malawi postal administration denounces and condemns these practices since such illegal issues harm its reputation in general and philatelic services in particular. Furthermore, such issues are a flagrant violation of its national legislation on the production of postage stamps and of article 8 of the Universal Postal Convention and recommendation C 26/2004 of the Bucharest Congress.

"In this connection, it is counting on the initiatives taken by the Universal Postal Union and its bodies with a view to eradicating this phenomenon. It earnestly hopes for the cooperation of all administrations to identify the culprit(s) and have them prosecuted.

"The illegal issues concern four blocks of three stamps, each with a face value of 80 K (kwacha). The four blocks depict birds of prey, cats, old locomotives and Ferrari Formula 1 cars, respectively."

Yours faithfully,

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