

法規名稱：AGREEMENT ON THE EXCHANGE OF NEWS AND INFORMATION BETWEEN THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

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The Government of the Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Malawi (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"),

Desiring to enhance their traditional friendly relations,

Firmly believing that it is necessary to maintain the existing freedom of the press among the people of the two countries,

Deciding to sign an agreement on the exchange of news and information to facilitate the implementation, and With a view to fostering the close and cordial relationship between the Government Information Office, Republic of China, and the Ministry of Information, Republic of Malawi, by establishing reciprocal channels for the exchange of news and information, views on related work, and cooperation programs between the mass media personnel of the two countries, have agreed the following:

Article One

The competent news and information agencies of the Contracting Parties (hereinafter referred to as the "Agencies") shall provide convenient and necessary assistance to visiting news and information personnel from the other country.

Article Two

The Contracting Parties shall respect freedom of the press and encourage and facilitate the development of the news media industry in their respective countries for promoting bilateral exchanges and mutual understanding between the people of the two countries.

Article Three

The Agencies shall formulate a code for cooperation on news and information under their jurisdictions for stimulating the development of the mass media. The heads of signatory agencies of this Agreement shall coordinate and establish cooperation plans and actions in the areas of broadcasting, television, newspapers, magazines, news releases, and other fields, and may appoint a representative to implement these plans. The areas of cooperation contemplated by this Agreement shall include the following:

1. Encouragement, by both Parties, of their respective nation's

broadcasting stations, especially government or government-related stations, to jointly produce or exchange programs concerning culture, education, environmental protection, sports, and other similar programs.

2. Encouragement, by both Parties, of their respective nations' public television stations to jointly produce programs on culture, education, politics, economics, tourism, sports, environmental protection, and topics of general interest. In addition, both Parties shall encourage their nations' commercial stations to carry out similar plans and assist television managers and employees to participate in conferences and activities.
3. Copyright protection for the print media, such as magazines and newspapers.
4. Encouragement, by both Parties, of newspaper and magazine managers and employees to conduct exchanges and participate in conferences and other relevant international activities.
5. Copyright protection for, exchange of, and cooperation on videotapes and other audio-visual materials.
6. Cooperation on and development of mass media technology.
7. Exchange visits between media professionals and between officials of the Agencies.

The scope of cooperation between the Contracting Parties may be expanded by mutual agreement.

Article Four

This Agreement shall not revise or replace any laws or regulations under the jurisdiction of either Party's implementing agency. The provision of materials and the protection of internal documents shall be in accordance with current laws and regulations and administrative orders under the jurisdiction of the Contracting Parties and shall not contradict the interests under either Party's jurisdiction including the possibility of lawsuits against each other, and violate the stated or implicit purpose, policy, or internal rules of the implementing agency of either Party.

Article Five

This Agreement shall be effective on the date of signature, and shall remain in effect for a term of five years thereafter. Unless one of the Parties informs the other Party in writing, six months prior to the expiration of the initial term of its intention of termination, this Agreement shall automatically be extended for an additional term of five years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Taipei in duplicate, in the Chinese and English language
, both texts being equally authentic, this third day of the third
month of the eighty-eighth year of the Republic of China, corresponding
to the third day of the third month of the year one thousand nine hundred
and ninety- nine.

For the Government
of the Republic of China

For the Government
of the Republic of Malawi

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