**International Trade and Trade Facilitation**

Facilitation of and trade remains critical if we are to mobilise investment to for growing and restructuring LLDC economies. To address this in Malawi, we have reformed our business facilitation sector by establishing one stop service centre under the Malawi Investment and Trade Centre which was established following the merger of the Malawi Investment Promotion Agency and the Malawi Export Promotion Council. The Centre allows us to speedily respond to Investment enquiries and process investment proposals under one roof.

We are also establishing one stop border posts with our neighbours, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia to cut to bare minimum transit delays of goods and services caused by border controls. This will promote cross border and regional trade. It will also allow crossborder manufacturing and investments so that investors can take advantage of the capacity obtaining across the border in the manufacturing process. We have also adopted the Advanced Cargo Information System and the Automated Customs Data Analysis System (ASYCUDA) to speed up transit processes. The introduction of Single Window, development of trade Portal, and electronic certificates of origin are some of the initiatives which are being undertaken as part of trade facilitation efforts through Customs and Border Crossing Procedures.