TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

PERMISSION TO COLLECT DATA ON AN ACADEMIC RESEARCH STUDY

Mr. Davis Sado is a student at the University of Fort Hare in South Africa. In his fulfillment to obtaining a degree of Masters of Public Administration (MPA), Davis Sado is conducting an academic research study under the topic: “An Assessment of Public Participation in the Decentralisation Framework: The Case of Lilongwe District Assembly in Malawi”.

Please note that your assistance in providing him with the requested information will help him to complete the research study which may not only contribute to knowledge of New Public Administration tenets as a field of study, but may also improve the operations of Decentralisation Policy of Malawi, if recommendations are to be considered for implementation.

Please be assured that your identity as a respondent and the information provided will be safeguarded according to the ethical considerations prevailing in this institution of higher learning.

Yours respectfully,

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