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ACB DIRECTOR GENERAL'S BRIEF TO MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA

**The Director of Investigations Mr. Dan Mponda
Officers from the Anti-Corruption Bureau
Members of the Press
Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good afternoon to you all members of the media and colleagues from the Anti-Corruption Bureau. I would like to welcome you all to this media briefing which has been organized to clear the misinformation which is being peddled with regard to the ongoing investigations related to supply of ration packs by Pioneer Investments.

Firstly, I would like to state here that this is not a response to the various petitions. The Bureau will sit down to come up with a proper response to the issues raised in those petitions at an appropriate time.

Today, we would like to clarify on the following issues:

Investigation into the case of ration packs at the MPS

The Bureau is continuing with investigation into the supply of ration packs at the Malawi Police Service.

The investigation into leakage of information

The Bureau is conducting investigations into the leakage of the report because that is against the ethics and practice of the Anti-Corruption Bureau. Section 54 (Corrupt Practices (Oath of Secrecy) Regulations of the Corrupt Practices Act clearly prohibits unauthorized release of information. The leakage has to be investigated as it has a negative impact on the operations of the Bureau. Our work in the Bureau demands the cooperation of various stakeholders. The leakage puts the Bureau at a great risk of losing the goodwill of various players if this is not checked. The Bureau sought the services of a private investigator to help with some aspects of the investigation has been funded by a cooperating partner

The investigation into leakage of information and the murder of our former Director of Corporate Services Mr. Issa Njauju (May his soul rest in peace)

It is unfortunate to note people are not able to differentiate between the police and the ACB in as far as our mandates are concerned. The Bureau does not have a mandate to investigate murder cases. The Bureau together with the family of the late Njauju reported his missing to police as the responsible agency. The Bureau is also interested to know the conclusion of that investigation. It is therefore misleading for anyone to link the two investigations as they are different and being handled by different agencies.

As we have said now and again, the fight against corruption is a collective responsibility of all the key stakeholders including the public to play their rightful roles. Let me call upon all of us to desist from commenting on issues when we don't have facts. The Bureau is there to provide answers to questions which you may have. We will do that within the confines of the law.

At this point, I would like to call upon each one of you to be free to ask for clarification so that you leave this place with accurate information.

Thank you very much for your attention.