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PRESS RELEASE

“Run 4 Unity”

In commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall the Germany Embassy and Lilongwe Roundtable are hosting a charity run themed “Run 4 Unity” on the 9th November 2014 at Kumbali Village.

“With this event we celebrate our freedom of movement which was so incisively restricted by the Berlin wall”, explains the German Ambassador Peter Woeste. From 1961 to 1989 the inner-German border and the Berlin wall, as a part of this border, not only separated Germany into an Eastern and Western part but also prevented the people living in the Eastern part of Germany from moving into the West. The Berlin wall came to symbolize the "Iron Curtain" that separated Western Europe and the Eastern Bloc during the Cold War. The fall of the Berlin wall paved the way for German reunification, which was formally concluded on 3 October 1990.

In the light of this historical context the German Embassy in cooperation with Lilongwe Roundtable, supported by SOBO, has arranged this fun run in favor of Children of Blessing Trust. Children of Blessing Trust is a local non-governmental organization working with disabled children in Lilongwe. Since 2007 this trust offers e.g. physiotherapy as well as an orthopedic programme to improve the mobility of disabled children.

The charity run appealed to many people and was fully booked within days. A total of 290 participants, children and adults, are enrolled for different disciplines and trails: a 21 km mountain bike ride and a 21 km trail run, as well as a 10 km and 5 km trail run. Highlight of the fun run will be a 2 km color run. This will be the first ever color run in Malawi – a run where participants start shining white and arrive colorful and happy at the finish line after having been pelted with natural color powder in different colorzones along the course. Music, a jumping castle, food and drinks will be available for participants and spectators. Following the fun run, the German Ambassador will hand over a stove and a fridge to Children of Blessing Trust as well as six bicycles, five pairs of crutches and donated second-hand shoes to increase the mobility of the assisted disabled children. Participants are encouraged to donate shoes for the same cause.

