

Status of Completed Law Reform Programmes

NO.	REPORT TITLE	YEAR OF PUBLICATION	PROPOSED LEGISLATION	STATUS
1.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of Certain Laws on Defilement of Young Girls, Wills and Inheritance, Citizenship, Marriage and Affiliation	October, 1996	1. Penal Code, Defilement of Young Girls (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No.28 & 29 of 1998
			2. Wills and Inheritance (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 22 of 1998
			3. Citizenship Act (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			4. Marriage (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 29 of 1997
			5. Affiliation (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 30 of 1997
2.	Report of the Law Commission on the Technical Review of the Constitution	November, 1998	Constitution (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No.13 of 2001 and Act No. 8 of 2010
3.	Report of the Law Commission on the Development of Bail Guidelines	February, 2000	Bail (Guidelines) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 8 of 2000
4.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Penal Code	June, 2000	Penal Code (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 1 of 2011
5.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Army Act	July, 2001	Defence Force Bill	Enacted as Act No. 11 of 2004
6.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the	June, 2001	Classification of Public Entertainment and Publications Bill	Before Cabinet

	Censorship and Control of Entertainment Act (Under Chapter XII of the Constitution)			
7.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Legal Education and Legal Practitioners Act	September, 2002	Legal Education and Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 9 of 2004
8.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Corrupt Practices Act	November, 2002	Corrupt Practices (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 17 of 2004
9.	Law Commission Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Police Act	July, 2003	Police Bill	Enacted as Act No. 12 of 2010
10.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Code	December, 2003	Criminal Procedure and Evidence Code (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 14 of 2010
11.	Report of the Law Commission on the Criminal Justice Reform on Conversion of Fines	December, 2003	Fines (Conversion) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 10 of 2005
12.	Law Commission Report of the Law Commission on the Review of Wills and Inheritance Act	January, 2004	1. Deceased Estates, (Wills, Inheritance, and Protection) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 14 of 2011
			2. Estate Duty (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 1 of 2016
13.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Legal	July, 2005	Legal Aid Bill	Enacted as Act No. 7 of 2011

	Aid Act			
14.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Children and Young Persons Act	October, 2005	Child (Care, Protection and Justice) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 22 of 2010
15.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Land-Related Laws	March, 2010	1. Land Bill	Enacted as Act No. 16 of 2016
			2. Customary Land Bill	Enacted as Act No. 19 of 2016
			3. Registered Land (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 7 of 2017
			4. Physical Planning Bill	Enacted as Act No.17 of 2016
			5. Forestry (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 5 of 2017
			6. Public Roads (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 8 of 2017
			7. Mines & Minerals (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			8. Land Survey Bill	Enacted as Act No. 18 of 2016
			9. Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 9 of 2017
			10. Local Government (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No. 10 of 2017
			11. Malawi Housing Corporation (Amendment) Bill	Enacted as Act No.6 of 2017
			12. Companies	Before Cabinet

			(Amendment) Bill	
16.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Laws on Marriage and Divorce	June, 2006	1. Marriage, Divorce and Family Relations Bill	Enacted as Act No 4 of 2015
			2. Penal Code (Amendment) Bill	Before Parliament
17.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of Traditional Courts Act	September, 2007	Local Courts Bill	Enacted as Act No 9 of 2011
18.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Constitution	September, 2007	1. Constitution (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			2. Constitution (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	Before Cabinet
			3. Impeachment of President Bill	Before Cabinet
			4. Political Parties Registration and Regulation (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			5. Electoral Commission (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			6. Parliamentary and Presidential Elections (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			7. Courts Act (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			8. Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
19.	Report of the Law Commission on the Development of Legislation on Declaration of Assets,	August, 2008	1. Public Officers Declaration of Assets, Liabilities and Business Interests Bill	Enacted as Act No. 22 of 2013

	Liabilities and Business Interests by Public and Elected Officers		2. Parliamentary and Presidential Elections (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			3. Local Government Elections (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
20.	Report of the Law Commission on the Development of HIV and AIDS Legislation	December, 2008	1. HIV and AIDS (Prevention & Management) Bill	Before Cabinet
			2. Employment (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
21.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Education Act	March, 2010	Education Bill	Enacted as Act No. 21 of 2013
22.	Report of the Law Commission on the Development of Trafficking in Persons Legislation	February, 2011	1. Trafficking in persons Bill	Enacted as Act No. 3 of 2015
			2. Tourism and Hotels (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			3. Immigration (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			4. Penal Code (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			5. Extradition (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			6. Child Care, Protection and Justice (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
23.	Report of the Law Commission on the Development of Legislation on Gender Equality	February, 2011	Gender Equality Bill	Enacted as Act No. 3 of 2013
24.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Legal	May, 2013	1. Legal Education and Legal Practitioners Bill	Before Cabinet
			2. Debt Collectors Bill	Before Cabinet

	Education and Legal Practitioners Act			
25.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Trade Marks Act	July, 2013	1. Trade Marks Bill	Before Cabinet
			2. Company and Intellectual Property Office Bill	Before Cabinet
26.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Firearms Act	June, 2013	Firearms and Ammunition (Control) Bill	Before Cabinet
27.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Adoption of Children Act	August, 2013	Adoption of Children Bill	Before Cabinet
28.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Chiefs Act	August, 2015	Traditional Leaders Bill	Before Cabinet
29.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Law on Abortion	March, 2016	Abortion Bill	Before Cabinet
30.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of the Sheriffs Act	October, 2015	1. Sheriffs Bill	Before Cabinet
			2. Courts (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
31.	Report of the Law Commission on the Development of Legislation on Spent Convictions		Spent Convictions Bill	Being Published
32.	Report of the Law Commission on the Review of Electoral Laws	March, 2017	1. Constitution (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet
			2. Electoral Commission (Amendment) Bill	Before Parliament (Legal Affairs

				Committee)
			3. Elections Management Fund Bill	Before Cabinet
			4. Presidential, Parliamentary and Local Government Elections Bill	Before Cabinet
			5. Assumption of Office of President (Transitional Arrangements) Bill	Before Cabinet
			6. Referendum Bill	Enacted, but not yet Gazetted
33.	Report of the Law Commission on the Technical Review of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act	October, 2015	Prevention of Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill	Before Cabinet