



**OUTCOME OF THE INTER-MINISTERIAL TASK FORCE MEETING OF SADC
MINISTERS OF TRADE, TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND SECURITY
PORTIFOLIOS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO AND FROM THE
REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE PERRENIAL CHALLENGES
AFFECTING THE KASUMBALESA AND OTHER BORDER POSTS**

HELD IN KINSHASA, 9TH MAY 2024

1. The Inter-Ministerial Task Force Meeting of SADC Ministers of Trade, Transport, Infrastructure and Security Portfolios from the Democratic Republic of Congo and from the Republic of Zambia on the Resolution of the Perennial Challenges Affecting the Kasumbalesa and other Border Posts was held on 9 May, 2024 to consider the Draft Framework of Collaboration and Action Plan that was developed with the objective of finding and implementing long term solutions to the continued challenges faced by transporters and drivers at the Kasumbalesa Border Post between the Republic of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

2. Inter-Ministerial Task Force Meeting was attended by the following Ministers:

Democratic Republic of Congo: Hon. Mr. Peter Kankonde Kazadi, Vice-Prime and Minister responsible for Interior, Security and Customary Affairs

Hon. Ekila Likombo Marc
Minister of Transport, Communication, Communication Routes, and Inclusion

Hon. Antipas Mbusa Nyamwisi
Minister of State and Minister of Regional Integration

Hon. Alexis Gisaro Muvunyi
Minister of State and Minister of Infrastructure
and Public Works

Republic of Zambia:

Hon. Jacob Jack Mwiimbu, SC, MP, Minister
of Home Affairs and Internal Security and
Head of Delegation

Hon. Museba Frank Tayali, MP
Minister of Transport and Logistics

3. The Ministers noted progress made by the two Member States following the signing of the Joint Communiqué of 6 March 2023. Following the signing of the Joint Communiqué, the two Member States have implemented the following:
 - (a) the Democratic Republic of Congo has since authorised movement of all types of goods through Sakania and Mokambo; and
 - (b) the Republic of Zambia has signed an agreement to commission the upgrade of road infrastructure to Sakania and Mokambo in October 2023.
4. The Ministers reviewed progress on the development of the Framework of Collaboration and Action Plan and agreed to continue in working towards the finalization and signing of the Framework of Cooperation and Action Plan and sign, which both Member States agreed would be signed on or before the next SADC Council of Ministers scheduled to take place in August 2024, following internal clearance by the two Member States.
5. In terms of the Draft Framework of Cooperation and Action Plan, the two Member States may, in an effort to resolve the challenges experienced at the Kasumbalesa Border Post agree to implement some of the following activities:

- (a) put in place procedures to allow for the twenty-four hour border operations at Kasumbalesa, Sakania, Mokambo and Kipushi Border Posts;
- (b) continue with border modernisation to address all border infrastructure challenges to mitigate trade and traffic related challenges at Kasumbalesa Border Post;
- (c) expedite the process of establishing One Stop Border Posts at all border posts starting with Kasumbalesa;
- (d) harmonise visa fee policy regime on a reciprocal basis;
- (e) strengthen security measures both at the border and behind the border of the two adjoining Member States;
- (f) implement pre-clearance of goods to reduce congestion at the borders;
- (g) ensure that adequate notification is given to either Party before implementing any major changes that may affect flow of traffic across borders; and
- (h) engage with regional bodies to facilitate the development of modalities for insurance cover solely for drivers undertaking cross border operations.

6. The Ministers of the Republic of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo expressed appreciation to the International Cooperating Partners for the support rendered towards finding a solution to the challenges experienced at the Kasumbalesa Border Post and to the implementation of SADC Regional programmes.

Done in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, on 9 May 2024

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