



**DECLARATION**

**ON**

**TERRORISM**



## PREAMBLE

We, the Heads of State or Government of:

The Republic of Angola  
The Republic of Botswana  
The Democratic Republic of Congo  
The Kingdom of Lesotho  
The Republic of Malawi  
The Republic of Mauritius  
The Republic of Mozambique  
The Republic of Namibia  
The Republic of Seychelles  
The Republic of South Africa  
The Kingdom of Swaziland  
The United Republic of Tanzania  
The Republic of Zambia  
The Republic of Zimbabwe

**Concerned** with national independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as the social and economic development and with the stability and security of all SADC Member States;

**Conscious** that harmonious cooperation in the African continent and in the region in particular, based on the principles that guide the African Union can only be achieved in conditions of peace and in a climate of political, social and economic stability;

**Considering** that threats and acts of terrorism in the region, the African continent and the world have prompted the international community to strengthen the mechanisms for preventing and combating all forms of terrorism;

**Considering further** that terrorism constitutes an impediment to the full enjoyment of fundamental rights and freedoms of humankind;

**Conscious** of the imperative need to protect human rights and individual liberties in conformity with the principles enshrined in international legal instruments, in particular the right to life;

**Taking into account** Resolutions 55/158 of UN General Assembly and 1269 (1999) and 1373 (2001) of the UN Security Council that qualify acts of terrorism as a threat to international peace and security and which urge Member States to strengthen cooperation between the UN and Regional Organisations for the prevention of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;



**Considering** the OAU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, adopted at the Algiers Summit on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1999;

**Condemn** all acts of terrorism wherever they occur and, therefore, undertake to:

1. accede or ratify international instruments on combating terrorism, adopted by the OAU and the United Nations and incorporate them into domestic laws;
2. fight with all means at our disposal all forms of terrorism that endanger the lives of innocent civilians, disrupt regional security, stability and the constitutional order of states;
3. cooperate at all levels in the exchange of information and identification of persons, institutions and networks associated with terrorism;
4. urge Member States to create, strengthen and harmonise legal instruments for the prosecution of groups or individuals involved in terrorism.
5. prevent SADC Member States from being used as bases or support centres for groups or individuals involved in terrorist activities;
6. appeal to cooperating partners for financial, technical and human resource development assistance to SADC Member States to enable them effectively combat terrorism.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE**, the Heads of the State or Government, or our duly authorised representatives, have signed this Declaration.

**DONE AT** Blantyre, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2002, in three (3) originals, in the English, French and Portuguese languages, all texts being equally authentic.

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**REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA**

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**REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA**

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**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF CONGO**

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**KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**

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**REPUBLIC OF MALAWI**

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**REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**

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**REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE**

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**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

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**REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES**

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**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND**

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**UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

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**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

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**REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE**