



## **STATEMENT OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC), ON THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT**

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The Southern African Development Community (SADC) has regrettably learnt of the resurgence of the conflict between Israel and Palestine, worsening the security situation between the two countries.

SADC condemns all acts of violence and calls for all parties to exercise restraint, as an escalation of this conflict will adversely impact and negate the international community's efforts for sustainable peace and security in the Middle East.

SADC further expresses deep concerns over the loss of hundreds of innocent civilian lives on both sides and the destruction of properties.

The damaging effects of this conflict will undoubtedly increase the number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), especially the vulnerable groups of women, children, and the elderly. SADC calls upon the international community to support the nationals of Israel and Palestine with the required humanitarian assistance, especially for the victims of the IDPs in the refugee or displacement centres.

SADC further calls upon all relevant stakeholders and the international community to engage the parties in resorting to negotiation towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict in line with the previously adopted UN resolutions recognising the existence of the two states.

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