



PRESS STATEMENT

Following the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government held on 1 June 2012 in Luanda, Republic of Angola, the Chairperson of the Organ on Politics, Defense and Security Cooperation, H.E Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa in consultation with the Organ Troika convened a meeting between H.E. Andry Rajoelina, the President of the Transition and H.E. former President Marc Ravalomanana in the Republic of Seychelles on 24-25 July 2012.

The meeting took place within the context of ensuring full implementation of the Roadmap aimed at ending the crisis in the Republic of Madagascar. Before the resumption of the meeting, H.E President Jacob Zuma, observed a moment of silence in respect of the death of H.E Atta Mills, the late President of the Republic of Ghana. In attendance was H.E James Michel, President of the Republic of Seychelles and host of the meeting, as well as the Executive Secretary of SADC, Dr Tomaz Augusto Salomão.

In this regard, the meeting was held in a peaceful and serene environment on Desroches Island, Seychelles, at the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Seychelles. Discussions were cordial and the participants displayed good leadership. All the parties were satisfied with the progress that had been made in bringing H.E Andry Rajoelina and H.E Ravalomanana together in search for a lasting political solution in Madagascar. The presence of the two leaders was a clear indication of their commitment towards finding a lasting solution to end the political crisis in the country.

During the meeting it was agreed that the two leaders should reconvene to conclude on the outstanding issues stemming from the implementation of the Roadmap in order to report to the Ordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government.

The meeting expressed gratitude to H.E President James Michel, the Government, and the people of the Republic of Seychelles for their generosity and hospitality.

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