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**CLOSING REMARKS BY HIS EXCELLENCY FILIPE JACINTO NYUSI, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE AND CHAIRPERSON OF SADC AT THE DOUBLE TROIKA
EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT,**

MAPUTO, 27 MAY 2021

Your Excellency Mokgweetsi Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana and Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation;

Your Excellency Lazarus Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, and Incoming Chairperson of SADC;

Your Excellency Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa and Incoming Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation;

Your Excellency Dr Emmerson Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Outgoing Chairperson of the SADC Organ of Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation;

Your Excellency Hussein Aly Mwinyi, President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, Representing Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Outgoing Chairperson of SADC;

Your Excellency Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax, Executive Secretary of SADC;

Honourable Ministers;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I wish to thank you once again for your presence at the Jacaranda City and for the invaluable decisions taken which shows the unwavering commitment to lay the foundations to stabilize the region as we confront terrorism and violent extremism.

We leave this SADC Double Troika Summit with the feeling of accomplishment of our duty, as we have been able to discuss thoroughly and we have devised joint and coordinated actions to tackle the threats to peace and socio-economic stability of our countries for the benefit of our peoples.

We have consolidated our cohesion as a regional block and the best ways of cooperation to overcome the security challenges arising from terrorism and violent extremism, as well as the partnerships needed to re-establish peace, strengthen political and economic stability in our region, avoiding the destruction of social and economic infrastructure.

The summit was, above all, another opportunity to firmly reiterate that we reject subversive acts in our region, whether by criminals or groups associated with global terrorism.

Excellencies;

Ladies and gentlemen!

We recognise the importance of collective action to overcome this evil, hence the need to render the Standby Force operational as an umbrella that can cover bilateral interventions, based on the comparative advantages, circumstances and concrete objectives that are intended to be achieved.

We leave this Summit more resolute, strengthened and clear of the concrete steps we must take to contain the attacks carried out by men instrumentalised by masterminds who live on organized crime.

We have adopted measures aimed at eliminating terrorist actions from the root; by strengthening the operational capacity of the Defence and Security Forces in combating terrorism; border security; elimination of sources of terrorist financing, reconstruction of destroyed infrastructure.

We have also agreed on the comprehensive and multifaceted response to the phenomenon of terrorism that victimise the people of Cabo Delgado, such as measures towards greater social inclusion, more employment, more training and education, more investment, and the provision of humanitarian assistance to normalise the lives of the affected populations.

At this meeting, SADC has reaffirmed its commitment and role as a regional leader in the fight against terrorism in Mozambique, strengthening the principle of peace,

security and stability as a condition for the implementation of the region's development programmes and projects.

Our future depends on how we respond today to the possibilities that present themselves with courage and a bold and frank approach.

We welcome the recommendations made by the Organ Troika Summit, based on the spirit of the Mutual Defence Pact, including the combination and unity of purpose, efforts and means, coordination and shared responsibilities.

Esteemed Heads of State and Government,

The SADC Executive Secretary,

Combat on terrorism cannot be done by closing the boundaries for other bilateral or international initiatives of support, hence SADC should coordinate processes and allow Mozambique to get support from all.

Combating terrorism requires resources and we should ensure humanitarian assistance that is dwindling each day.

In general, the conclusions confirm our understanding of the evil nature of terrorist groups operating at the confluence of organised crime, extremism, radicalisation, without any discernible agenda or claim other than to attack the values of peace and security that are the pillars on which our Community of Countries is founded.

We believe that the conditions for the fight without borders of this global threat are created, where our government will play a crucial role in conducting all actions aiming at the effective materialisation of all decisions for the definitive eradication of the scourge of terrorism, a *sine qua non* condition for the stability, progress and well-being of our peoples.

Mozambique reaffirms its own responsibility to be in the lead of this struggle in the national territory, with countries from the SADC region, and other cooperation

partners willing to provide the necessary support to successfully restore normalcy as quickly as possible.

Finally, I would like to commend and thank the governments and peoples of the region for the availability to support Mozambique's efforts to combat terrorism and violent extremism by approving the various recommendations submitted by the SADC Organ Troika Summit.

I hope that the decisions taken at this Summit will be practical and effective and implemented at the speed of the clock of the ongoing attacks, in order to eliminate the incidence of terrorist actions and restore the political and socio-economic advancements that the province of Cabo Delgado and the country, in general, had been making.

Dear colleagues and brothers, I wish you a safe journey back to your respective countries, looking forward to seeing you in Maputo soon joined by other Colleagues for the Extraordinary SADC Summit that will consider the traditional agenda so that we do not lose focus on the mission assigned to our organisation.

Thank you for your attention!