



Statement by His Excellency Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation following the Supreme Court ruling on the 2019 Namibia Presidential Election

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The Southern African Development Community (SADC) notes that following the Presidential and National Assembly Elections held in the Republic of Namibia on 27 November 2019, an election petition challenging the results of the Presidential Election was filed in the Supreme Court.

SADC acknowledges the ruling of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Namibia that was delivered on 5th February 2020, which upheld the results of the Presidential Election.

SADC commends the parties involved in the election petition for channeling electoral disputes through the established legal mechanisms, in line with the Constitution and Electoral Act of the Republic. SADC also commends the Supreme Court of Namibia for upholding the Constitution and electoral law of the country.

SADC urges the Government of the Republic of Namibia and the electoral authorities to implement the recommendations made by the Supreme Court, and urges all stakeholders to respect the determination of the Supreme Court. Similarly, and in line with the SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections, SADC encourages the Government and the Electoral Commission of Namibia to implement the recommendations of the SADC Electoral Observation Mission (SEOM).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa', written over a horizontal line.

**H.E. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa,
President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, and
Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation**