



**OPENING REMARKS BY HIS EXCELLENCY FILIPE JACINTO NYUSI, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE AND CHAIRPERSON OF SADC AT THE DOUBLE TROIKA
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“For a regional vision of Security”

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

**Your Excellencies Heads of State and Governments of the SADC Double Troika
Member States,**

Your Excellency the Executive Secretary of SADC,

Honourable Ministers,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me first of all welcome you to Maputo City and say that it is an honour for us to host you once again. We hope you will feel comfortable in our country and have a pleasant and memorable stay.

Our session today once again takes place against the background of combined efforts to eradicate terrorism, particularly in the province of Cabo Delgado.

We are all aware that the adoption of improved measures to combat terrorism and violent extremism in our region requires all of us to draw inspiration from the past, and a deep understanding of the new dynamics to better devise coordinated actions.

This exercise is premised on regular consultations for better approach to challenges at different levels, and thus support our Defence and Security Forces in combating this phenomenon.

Facts indicate that it is important to make greater investment in strengthening security, translated, among others, into the training and capacity building of the Defence and Security Forces, sharing knowledge and awareness on the dynamics of terrorism and the violent extremism phenomena and the best ways to deal with terrorist organizations, as well as the necessary logistical support.

We are sure that our countries' commitment to adopting a set of practical and sustainable measures that are urgently translated into vigorous action, will repel terrorists.

Your Excellencies

The holding of this Summit is a singular moment for the implementation of our common objectives and I look forward to the Summit adopting approaches that will go a long way in enabling concrete and feasible actions so that our organization can quickly contain this subversive practice.

Despite the specificities of each country, it is important that our decisions are framed in an integrated perspective, based on the priorities of regional cooperation and integration, with a view to creating a political and security environment conducive to the achievement of its socio-economic objectives.

We are aware that the support to be made available will contribute to the neutralisation of terrorists and the disruption of their supply and logistics lines.

We are also aware that these actions must be coupled with other interventions aimed at promoting development and prosperity, contributing to the triumph of the ideals of peace, security, stability and regional development.

In this regard, we advocate for coordinated actions to support the fight on terrorism, and strive for a regional strategy that will allow us to better tackle terrorism in northern Mozambique, without ruling out the support from other sister countries and international organizations.

I would like to conclude by expressing the appreciation of the Government and the People of Mozambique for the effective solidarity to our country that has been unequivocally demonstrated by the people from all Member States of our organisation through their Presidents in the tenacious fight against terrorism.

Thank you very much!