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DOUBLE TROIKA SUMMIT OF SADC HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

GABORONE, REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

18 JANUARY 2016

1. The Double Troika Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) was held in Gaborone, Republic of Botswana on 18 January 2016.

2. The Double Troika Summit was attended by the following Double Troika Heads of State and Government or their representatives:

   Botswana          H.E. Lieutenant General Seretse Khama Ian Khama
   Mozambique        H.E. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi
   South Africa      H.E. Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma
   Swaziland         Right Honourable Dr. Barnabas Dlamini
   Tanzania          Right Honourable Majaliwa Kassim Majaliwa, Prime Minister
   Zimbabwe          Hon. Simbarashe Mumbengegwi, Minister of Foreign Affairs

3. The Right Honourable Dr. Pakalitha Mosisili, Prime Minister of Kingdom of Lesotho was also invited. The Double Troika Summit was also attended by the SADC Facilitator to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, H.E Cyril Ramaphosa; the Executive Secretary of SADC, H.E. Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax; and the Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry, His Lordship Mpaphi Phumaphi.
4. The Double Troika Summit received and endorsed the Report of the Commission of Inquiry, and urged the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho to implement its recommendations.

5. The Double Troika Summit handed over the Report of the Commission of Inquiry to the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho. The Double Troika Summit tasked the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho to provide feedback to the Chair of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, and to publish the Report within 14 days (by 01 February 2016).

6. The Double Troika Summit received a Mission Report from the SADC Facilitator and reiterated that SADC enjoys immunity as per the SADC Treaty and the SADC Protocol on Immunities and Privileges, and urged the Kingdom of Lesotho to abide by the immunity provisions. Any court decision taken against the Commission of Inquiry is of no legal effect, and will not bind SADC and its Institutions.

7. The Double Troika Summit noted with concern that the Kingdom of Lesotho has not undertaken the constitutional, public sector and security sector reforms. The Double Troika Summit urged the Kingdom of Lesotho to prepare with the support of the Organ Troika and the Secretariat, a road map for the implementation of the reforms as contained in the SADC Facilitator's Final Report. The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho is to submit a progress report to the Summit in August 2016.

8. The Double Troika Summit urged the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho and all political stakeholders to actively contribute to a conducive environment to allow the safe return to Lesotho of the opposition leaders and members of the Security forces who are in exile.

9. The Double Troika Summit commended the Commission of Inquiry to the Kingdom of Lesotho for their professionalism and a job well done.

10. The Double Troika Summit commended the SADC Facilitator to the Kingdom of Lesotho for his continued efforts and commendable services.

11. The Double Troika Summit commended the Government and people of the Republic of Botswana for hosting the Double Troika Summit.

Done in Gaborone, Republic of Botswana
18 January 2016