



Statement by His Excellency Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, and the Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation on the outcome of the re-run of the Presidential Elections in Malawi

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The Southern African Development Community (SADC) commends the people of the Republic of Malawi for turning out in large numbers to exercise their civic and democratic right during the re-run Presidential Election that was held on 23rd June, 2020, despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SADC congratulates Dr. Lazarus Chakwera of the Malawi Congress Party for winning the re-run Presidential Election, and commends the people of Malawi for the political tolerance and maturity demonstrated throughout the electoral process, and since the May 2019 disputed Presidential Election results.

SADC also commends the people of Malawi for the peaceful political and security situation that prevails in the country.

Furthermore, SADC applauds the Malawi Electoral Commission (MEC) for the efficient and effective organization and management of the re-run Presidential Elections in the face of the challenges occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic. SADC has and will remain engaged with key electoral stakeholders in Malawi and render it support in the post-election period as necessary.

Finally, SADC urges the candidates who took part in the re-run Presidential Election in the Republic of Malawi and their supporters to accept the official results of the election as announced by the Malawi Electoral Commission, and to observe the national electoral and constitutional processes should they have grievances regarding the electoral process.

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