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 Constitutional Court ruling on Malawi elections

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The Southern African Development Community (SADC) acknowledges the decision of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Malawi that was delivered on 3rd February 2020, which nullified the results of the Presidential Election held on 21st May 2019. SADC notes that the Constitutional Court also ordered that a fresh election be held within 150 days.

SADC commends the Constitutional Court for upholding the Malawian Constitution, and the electoral law in the conduct of the petition. SADC urges all stakeholders to respect the judgment of the Constitutional Court, and maintain peace and tranquility, whilst the relevant national institutions prepare for fresh elections.

SADC will continue to support the Republic of Malawi in the election process, as guided by the SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections, and will remain seized with the developments in Malawi.

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