



STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SADC ORGAN ON POLITICS, DEFENCE AND SECURITY, HIS EXCELLENCY DR. MOKGWEETSI ERIC KEABETSWE MASISI, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA, REGARDING THE DEPLOYMENT OF A TECHNICAL FACT FINDING MISSION TO THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

Following the recent disturbances in the Kingdom of Eswatini, on 4th July 2021, in my capacity as the Chairperson of the SADC Organ Troika on Politics, Defence and Security, I deployed a SADC Organ Troika Ministerial Fact Finding Mission to the Kingdom of Eswatini. As a follow-up, a Technical Fact-Finding Mission will be deployed to the Kingdom to consult extensively with stakeholders, from 15th to 22nd July 2021. The Mission will analyse the political and security situation in the country, with a view to support the people of Eswatini towards finding a durable solution.

SADC continues to appeal for calm and restraint from all the stakeholders in the Kingdom of Eswatini, and encourages national dialogue in the efforts towards resolving the country's political and socio-economic challenges.

SADC wishes to reassure the government and the people of the Kingdom of Eswatini of its continued commitment and support. It is our hope that all concerned parties will continue to uphold and embrace peaceful means in addressing their differences and challenges.

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Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi

Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security

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