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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE
EXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
OF THE SADC ORGAN TROIKA PLUS SADC TROIKA, AND FORCE
INTERVENTION BRIGADE (FIB) AND SAMIM CONTRIBUTING
COUNTRIES TO THE PEACE PROCESSES IN THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF CONGO AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE**

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1. The Extra-Ordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government of the SADC Organ Troika, Plus SADC Troika, and Force Intervention Brigade (FIB) and SAMIM Contributing Countries to the peace processes in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Mozambique, hereinafter called Summit, was held virtually on the 11th July 2023.
 2. Summit was officially opened by His Excellency Dr. Hage Gottfried Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia, as the Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, and chaired by His Excellency Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia, and Incoming Chairperson of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation.
 3. Summit was attended by the following SADC Heads of State and Government and/or their representatives:

Namibia:

His Excellency Dr. Hage Gottfried Geingob,
President of the Republic of Namibia, and
Chairperson of the Organ on Politics, Defence
and Security Cooperation.

Zambia: His Excellency Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia, and Incoming Chairperson of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation.

South Africa: His Excellency Mr. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa, and Outgoing Chairperson of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation.

Democratic Republic of Congo: His Excellency Mr. Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Chairperson of SADC.

Malawi: His Excellency Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, and Outgoing Chairperson of SADC.

Botswana: His Excellency Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana.

Mozambique: His Excellency Mr. Felipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique.

Zimbabwe: His Excellency Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

United Republic of Tanzania: Hon. Dr Philip Isdor Mpango, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania representing Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Kingdom of Lesotho: The Right Honourable Mr. Samuel Ntsokoane Matekane, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Angola: His Excellency Ambassador Tété António, Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola, representing His Excellency, João

Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola, and Incoming Chairperson of SADC.

4. Summit was also attended by Ministers from the respective SADC Member States and the SADC Executive Secretary.
5. Summit deliberated on the prevailing security situation in the Eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Cabo Delgado Province of the Republic of Mozambique.
6. Summit observed a Minute of Silence in honour of all the citizens of the region who died while in deployment in the Republic of Mozambique, including Chief Inspector Evan Siame, who died in a road accident on 08 July 2023 during his deployment and expressed deep condolences to the Government and the People of the Republic of Zambia, and his family.
7. Summit noted, with great concern, the continued unstable and deteriorating security situation in the Eastern DRC. It reiterated its condemnation of the upsurge of conflicts and hostile activities of all insurgent groups, including M23 rebels and ADF terrorist groups operating in the Eastern DRC, with support from foreign aggressors.
8. Summit reiterated its call for the immediate cessation of hostilities by all armed groups and unconditional withdrawal from the currently occupied areas, and committed to exploring additional measures to the current diplomatic efforts, to force the M23 and other armed groups to abandon all forms of attacks.
9. Summit approved the mandate and supporting legal and operational instruments for deploying the SADC Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a regional response to address the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in the Eastern DRC..
10. Summit commended the commitment by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo to supplement the budget for the SADC Mission in DRC (SAMIDRC).
11. Summit noted the outcomes of the Quadripartite Summit, which was convened on 27 June 2023 to facilitate the harmonization and coordination of efforts in bringing peace and security to the Eastern DRC. The Quadripartite Summit was attended by the East African Community (EAC), the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the United Nations (UN), under the auspices of the African Union Commission (AUC).

12. Summit acknowledged the need for additional resources to support the peace processes in the region and called for campaigns aimed at mobilising resources from the African Union, the UN and other International Cooperating Partners to support efforts towards the restoration of peace and security in the Republic of Mozambique and the Democratic Republic of Congo.
13. Summit noted the improved security situation in Cabo Delgado Province of the Republic of Mozambique and the gradual return of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) to their places of origin, primarily due to reduced terrorist activities, and commended the SADC Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM) for the unwavering commitment and sacrifices it made in restoring and maintaining peace and security in Cabo Delgado Province.
14. Summit further noted the progress made by the SADC Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM) in implementing its mandate and commended the Member States who contributed towards attaining SAMIM mandate.
15. Summit extended the Mandate of SAMIM by twelve (12) months, from 16 July 2023, to consolidate the gains achieved since the deployment of SAMIM and further enhance stabilization processes and facilitate the safe return of Internal Displaced Personnel (IDPs) to their places of origin.
16. Summit commended the Government of the Republic of Mozambique for initiating strategies to consolidate the regained territories and an action plan to be implemented after SAMIM withdrawal.
17. Summit acknowledged the appreciation by His Excellency Mr. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique, and His Excellency Mr Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, for SADC's continued support, collaboration and cooperation towards the realisation of lasting peace and security in their respective countries.
18. Summit commended His Excellency Dr. Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia, and Chairperson of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, for convening the Summit and for his commitment and leadership in steering concerted efforts to realise stability, lasting peace and security in the SADC region.

Done on 11th July 2023
Windhoek, Republic of Namibia