



**CLOSING REMARKS FOR**

**H. E. DR. EMMERSON D. MNANGAGWA, PRESIDENT**

**OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE AND CHAIRPERSON**

**OF SADC, ON THE OCCASION OF THE**

**EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND**

**GOVERNMENT**

**HARARE**

**20 NOVEMBER 2024**

- **Your Excellency Andry Rajoelina, President of the Republic of Madagascar and Incoming Chairperson of SADC;**
- **Your Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique;**
- **Your Excellency Felix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo;**
- **Your Excellency Duma Gideon Boko, President of the Republic of Botswana**
- **Your Excellency Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of Zanzibar;**
- **The Right Honourable Russell Mmiso Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Eswatini;**

**Your Excellency, Mr. Elias Mpedi Magosi, SADC  
Executive Secretary;**

- **Honourable Ministers;**
- **Distinguished Ladies and gentlemen;**

We have come to the end of our deliberations on this very important agenda that has regional security and defence ramifications. Your invaluable insights and commitment ensured that we made informed decisions, and that we were critical in advancing the best interests of our brothers and sisters in DRC and the entire region. Against this background, may I take this opportunity to express profound gratitude to you, Your Excellencies, for your attendance and full engagement in this crucial meeting, which

clearly demonstrated our shared commitment to a peaceful and prosperous SADC.

**Your Excellencies,**

Our meeting reflected on the security situation in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Our interventions, notwithstanding, the situation remains one of our deep concern. Political, and diplomatic initiatives remain central in finding sustainable solutions and our region, SADC should remain fully seized with the matter.

We, also, assessed progress made by our Mission in the DRC, the SADC Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (SAMIDRC). In order to fulfil the

Mission's mandate, we need to timeously contribute towards the attainment of the required critical combat capabilities. A key component of the viability and sustainability of our Mission is ensuring its adequate and timely funding. To this end, we committed to playing our part in remitting contributions for our Mission in order to cater for our deployed personnel. Zimbabwe is ready to play its part in this important endeavour.

Your Excellencies, we received the Report of Field Assessment Mission (FAM) to Eastern DRC. We commend our Forces on the ground for their unwavering commitment and sacrifices to implementing the SAMIDRC mandate. We, equally, have had the opportunity to appreciate the

enormity of our task and the work is still to be done to achieve our stated objectives.

**Your Excellencies:**

We agreed to extend the SAMIDRC mandate for an additional year, and committed to provide the requisite resources to achieve our objectives. This extension is coupled with financial and personnel implications which, we also deliberated on and agreed on the way forward. We have to keep the momentum and unity of purpose to succeed in capacitating the SAMIDRC in the fulfilment of its mandate. We are grateful to the Member States that have deployed troops on the ground and salute the gallant forces which protect our collective security.

Your Excellencies, we considered the Status of Finance of SAMIDRC. We agreed that we should not rely on International Cooperating Partners, but, rather, take ownership of our peace and security interests.

Your Excellencies, our deliberations were preceded by several preparatory meetings. May I take this opportunity to thank the Organ Troika, Council of Ministers and our Senior Officials, who laid the groundwork for our deliberations.

I hasten to, also, express my sincere gratitude to the SADC Secretariat team, under the leadership of the

Executive Secretary, H.E. Mr. Magosi, for a commendable job in making this Summit a success.

With these few remarks, I have the honour and privilege to declare this Extraordinary Summit of SADC Heads of State and Government officially closed.

**I thank you**

**Tatenda**

**Siyabonga**

**Asante Sana**

**Obrigado**

**Merci**

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