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**MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS' SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO
THE PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, HE CYRIL MATAMELA RAMAPHOSA
ON THE ZIMBABWE TRIP 08TH AND 09TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

Dear Mr President

1. Your letter dated 22 September 2020 refers.
2. Please find additional information for your report as requested. Included is the copy of the draft affidavit to the Public Protector (Annexure A).
- 3.1. I departed Waterkloof Air Force Base on 08 September 2020 at 18h25 and arrived at Harare Airport at 19h35 that evening. Having concluded the official visit and attending to the meeting with ZANU PF, I departed Zimbabwe on 09 September 2020 at 21h45 and arrived in South Africa at Waterkloof Air Force Base at 22h30. Please see paragraph 11 of the Affidavit attached.

3.2. The pax list is attached (Annexure B), please also find attached, the list of the official delegation as per Ministerial Authority (Annexure C). Furthermore a letter from my counterpart confirming our meeting (Annexure G) and a media report (Annexure H)

3.3. I obtained your approval to travel internationally on the official visit to engage bilaterally with my counterpart. I agree in hindsight that it would have been prudent to inform your Office in writing of my intention to ferry ANC NEC members of which delegation I formed part to meet with ZANU PF counterparts. Paragraph 1.2 of Chapter 7, Use of Non-commercial air travel, in the Guide for Members of the Executive, approved by the President on 20 November 2019, provides as follows: Air transport provided by the South African Air Force or any other Government Department may not be used by Members for party political engagements, unless such transport enables the Member concerned to fulfil important official engagements before or after the party political engagements.

In my understanding of the above quoted paragraph, I did not need additional permission to attend to party political engagements using the same SAAF flight as such has already been catered for in the Ministerial Handbook. As to the ferrying of additional persons on the same aircraft, I am not aware of any prohibition on doing such or specific permission that ought to be sought as it is a regular occurrence in the use of SAAF aircraft to provide for the ferrying of business persons or the like if all are travelling in the same direction as the flight being used for official Government purposes.

3.4. The delegation had to be tested before departure. Self-quarantine certificate (Annexure D), was sought from the Department of Health. Over flight clearances were obtained by the SAAF.

Paragraph 1.5 of Chapter 7, Use of Non-commercial air travel, in the Guide for Members of the Executive, approved by the President on 20 November 2019, provides as follows: The South African Air Force may further assist Members with flights abroad,

which cannot be provided for by commercial airlines, if such flights are within the capacity of the South African Air Force.

Paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 of Chapter 7 are also applicable to be followed in such instances where SAAF aircraft are to be used:

1.6. All applications for the provision of air transport by the South African Air Force must be made to the Secretary of Defence, in advance, to establish the availability of aircraft, flights and landing strips.

3.5. Please find attached relevant permission, i.e. Presidential Authority (Annexure E).

3.6. The total cost are calculated as follows, the flying hour tariff of R62 000.00 per flying hour is a product of the approved model. The average hourly fuel consumption of 1500 litres for both engines is derived from various stages of flight for this type of aircraft. Therefore the direct cost for a 2.7 hour flight can be calculated as follows;

$$R62,000.00 \times 2.7 = R167,400.00$$

And

$$1500 \text{ Litres} \times 16 \text{ (ROE)} = R24,000.00 \text{ per flying hour}$$

Thus

$$R24,000.00 \times 2.7 = R64,800.00$$

$$\text{Total: } R167,000.00 + R64,800.00 = \mathbf{R232,200.00}$$

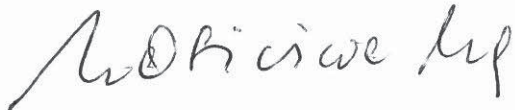
Total due to the African National Congress Delegation **R105, 545.46** as per attached Invoice (Annexure F).

3.6.1. For international travel on the continent the MOD uses the Falcon 900 or similar sized chartered aircraft. The Falcon 50's is used only for internal travel as a rule. Thus I would have used the Falcon 900 or similar size chartered aircraft given that commercial flights are not available regardless of whether additional ANC NEC members joined my visit or not.

3.6.2. No

I attach all annexures I refer to in the draft affidavit some of which are also referred to above.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. N. Mapisa-Nqakula', written in a cursive style.

NN Mapisa-Nqakula (MP)

Minister of Defence and Military Veterans

Date: 22 SEPT. 2020

RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT TO THE PUBLIC PROTECTOR RELATING TO
ALLEGATIONS OF MALADMINISTRATION IN THE OFFICES OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE MINISTER OF
DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS

AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned,

NOSIVIWE NOLUTHANDO MAPISA-NQAKULA

do hereby make an oath and state that:

1. I am the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans. I have been requested by the Public Protector to provide this affidavit. A copy of the request for information is attached hereto as Annexure A.
2. The contents of this affidavit are, unless the contrary is clear from the context, within my personal knowledge and are, to the best of my knowledge, both true and correct. I have also relied on records and responses from my Department, which I believe to be accurate in response to requests for information not kept within my Office.
3. I shall structure this affidavit as follows:

3.1 The organisation/arrangement of my official visit to Harare, Zimbabwe, to meet my counterpart, the Minister of Defence and War Veterans, Ms Oppah Chamu Zvipange Muchinguri-Kashiri from 8 to 9 September 2020;

3.2 Ad paragraph responses to the request for information.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE: 8-9 SEPTEMBER 2020

4. The Republic of South Africa plays a critical role in regional, continental and international structures to work towards the achievement of peace and security on our continent through our participation in structures at the level of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the African Union (AU) and the United Nations (UN). Apart from these multi-lateral arrangements we also pursue these goals through bi-lateral arrangements and in the case of the Republic of Zimbabwe we have an ongoing Defence Cooperation Agreement and participate in the meetings of the Bi-National Commission.

5. The Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Zimbabwe are both currently members of the SADC Troika. South Africa, as a troop contributing country to the MONUSCO Force Intervention Brigade (FIB), in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has been seized over the last two months together with other SADC members and especially the Troika members with discussions on the way forward in regard to the continued existence and composition of the FIB in light of recent changes proposed by the UN. As countries neighbouring Mozambique we have also been engaged bi-laterally and through the meetings of the SADC Troika and SADC as a whole with the disturbing reports emanating from that country in relation to alleged insurgencies and terrorist activities.

6. It is in the context of the above background that I contacted my counterpart, Ms Oppah Chamu Zvipange Muchinguri-Kashiri, the Minister of Defence and War Veterans in the Republic of Zimbabwe, on 7 September 2020, to request an official visit to allow us to conduct a bi-lateral meeting to focus on these matters at hand. I attach hereto as Annexure B a copy of the letter written to my counterpart.

7. The Honourable Minister of Defence and War Veterans Affairs of Zimbabwe responded on the same day by accepting my request for an official meeting to discuss bi-lateral defence and security issues in the usual face to face fashion as such had been impeded over the last couple of months by the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic. A copy of the letter from Minister Muchinguri-Kashiri is attached hereto as Annexure C.

8. Subsequent to the above exchange of official communication between our respective offices and having secured my official meeting with my counterpart in Zimbabwe for the 9th of September 2020, my Office proceeded to prepare the request for approval of the official visit to the President and to request that the Honourable Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma be appointed as the acting Minister of Defence and Military Veterans. A copy of the request is attached hereto as Annexure D.

9. The President approved, by means of President's Act No. 108 of 2020, my request to travel to Zimbabwe and appointed the Honourable Dr NC Dlamini-Zuma as Acting Minister of Defence and Military Veterans. A copy of the letter of approval is attached hereto as Annexure E.

10. In August 2020, the President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency, President MC Ramaphosa, appointed and dispatched Special Envoys to engage the Government of Zimbabwe on developments within that country, which impact on South Africa. Following on this engagement a decision was further taken to send a delegation of members of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the ruling party, the African National Congress, to meet with their counterparts in the ruling ZANU PF party in Zimbabwe. I was to form part of this delegation as a member of the NEC. I was already set to depart on the Falcon 900 aircraft of the South African Air Force¹ and since normal international travel had not resumed due to the Covid 19 pandemic and given the urgency of the matters to be discussed, I offered to ferry the members of the ANC delegation to and from the meeting in Zimbabwe.² Given that my official visit to meet my counterpart had been approved and that the Ministerial Handbook as quoted below allow me to also attend to party political engagements in these circumstances and the fact that the costs to be incurred for the SAAF flight would remain the same whether it is just myself on the plane or others joined me, I extended the invitation to ferry the ANC NEC members.³ However, shortly after returning to South Africa the top structures of the ANC met and thereafter offered to reimburse the costs incurred for their delegation that joined my flight to Zimbabwe. The costs have been calculated using the model prescribed in paragraph 1.8 of the *Guide for Members of the Executive* when another Department used SAAF aircraft

¹ Paragraph 1.5 of Chapter 7, Use of Non-commercial air travel, in the *Guide for Members of the Executive*, approved by the President on 20 November 2019, provides as follows: The South African Air Force may further assist Members with flights abroad, which cannot be provided for by commercial airlines, if such flights are within the capacity of the South African Air Force.

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³ The ferrying of business delegations, such as representatives of the defence industry, and the like are not uncommon when all are travelling in the same direction.

and is set to reimburse the Department of Defence.⁴ The invoice issued to the ANC is attached as Annexure F.⁵

11. I departed Waterkloof Air Force Base on 8 September 2020 at 18h25 and arrived at Harare Airport at 19h35 that evening. Upon my arrival I was met at the airport by my counterpart, Minister Muchinguri-Kashiri, and we had a quick courtesy briefing at the airport for less than an hour. Thereafter I departed with my delegation to the Meikles Hotel to spend the night. On 9 September 2020, I formed part of the meeting of the ANC NEC officials with party officials from ZANU PF from around 10h00. That meeting continued until about 19h00. I broke away from that meeting to conduct my official visit with my counterpart at 16h30. We finished our bi-lateral engagement at around 19h00 and then issued joint statements to the media at about 19h30 from the Meikles Hotel. I attach hereto a copy of a news clipping carried by the Zimbabwe media on our bi-lateral talks (Annexure G). I departed Zimbabwe on 9 September 2020 at 21h45 and arrived in South Africa at Waterkloof Air Force Base at 22h30.

AD PARAGRAPH RESPONSES TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

12. Ad paragraph 5

As explained above, I travelled for official purposes to engage my counterpart in a bi-lateral discussion on matters relating to the security situation in Mozambique and discussions on the continuation and composition of the FIB in the DRC, given our

⁴ Paragraph 1.8 of Chapter 7 reads as follows: Flights by an aircraft of the South African Air Force are undertaken at the expense of the relevant Department. Only the direct costs of the flights will be claimed from the relevant Department.

⁵ The total costs are calculated as follows, the flying hour tariff of R62 000.00 per flying hour is a product of the approved model. The average hourly fuel consumption of 1500 liters for both engines derived from various stages of flight for this type of aircraft. Therefore the direct cost for a 2.7 hour flight can be calculated as follows: $R62\ 000 \times 2.7 = R167\ 400$. And $1500\ \text{liters} \times 16\ (\text{ROE}) = R24\ 000$ per flying hour. Thus $R24\ 000 \times 2.7 = R64\ 800$. Total: $R167\ 400$ plus $R64\ 800 = R232\ 200$. Total due by the ANC delegation = R105 545.46.

roles as part of the SADC Troika. At the same time, I offered to ferry members of the ANC NEC to attend a meeting of which I formed part as explained above in paragraph 10. The complainant is therefore mistaken in referring to the purpose of the flight and the composition/leadership of the delegation as “common cause” in the manner it is captured in paragraph 5.

13. Ad paragraph 6

The utilisation of the SAAF aircraft has been explained above. It must be pointed out that the Chairperson of ZANU PF also happens to be my counterpart (she is the Minister of Defence and War Veterans Affairs of Zimbabwe). She met me, as is tradition upon arrival for an official visit in another country, at the airport for a brief curtesy visit before our official meeting which was to take place the next day.

14. Ad paragraph 7

As pointed out above, I travelled to Zimbabwe on an official visit for a bi-lateral engagement with my counterpart and also happened to form part of the ANC NEC delegation, whom I offered to ferry since I was already travelling to Zimbabwe on a SAAF aircraft and given the non-availability of commercial flights as a result of the pandemic.⁶

15. Ad paragraph 8

The ANC issued its own statement on matters relating and relevant to its engagements. As pointed out above, I left the meeting of the ANC officials to

⁶ Paragraph 1.2 of Chapter 7, Use of Non-commercial air travel, in the *Guide for Members of the Executive*, approved by the President on 20 November 2019, provides as follows: Air transport provided by the South African Air Force or any other Government Department may not be used by Members for party political engagements, unless such transport enables the Member concerned to fulfil important official engagements before or after the party political engagements.

engage in my official bi-lateral engagement with my counterpart following which we jointly made statements to the media. (Refer to Annexure G).

16. Ad paragraph 9

That is correct.

17. Ad paragraph 10

The exchange of correspondence with my counterpart and the request for the approval of the official visit, as well as the subsequent media coverage in the Zimbabwe media, confirm the content of my official visit as relayed by Mr Dlamini.

18. Ad paragraph 11

That is correct and I complied with said request within the stipulated time frame.

19. Ad paragraph 12.1

The attached copies of the exchange of correspondence with my counterpart and the Presidential approval for the official visit, as well as the media coverage of my engagement, confirm the agenda and nature of my bi-lateral discussions with Minister Muchinguri-Kashiri.

20. Ad paragraph 12.2

A copy of the request and subsequent approval have been attached hereto as Annexures D and E.

DEPONENT

SIGNED AND SWORN BEFORE ME AT _____ BY THE DEPONENT ON THIS THE ____
DAY _____ 2020, AFTER SHE HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SHE KNOWS
AND UNDERSTANDS THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT AND REGARDS SAME TO BE
BOTH TRUE AND CORRECT AND HAS TAKEN THE PRESCRIBED OATH WHICH SHE
REGARDS AS BINDING ON HER OWN CONSCIENCE AND UTTERED THE WORDS 'SO HELP
ME GOD'.

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

FULL NAME :

CAPACITY :

AREA :

7530-10-400-9773

Form no _____

Aircraft : F900

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE PASSENGER LIST

Callsign : LMG3

Serial : WK02150365

Total Weight _____ Kg _____ Lbs

Chalk : VIP

Total Pax 11

Date : 8-Aug-20

Total Bags _____

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Departure airfield: FAWK

Route: FVRG

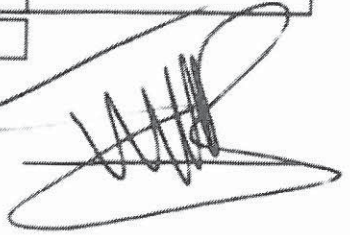
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2	MRS	ZULU L.D			
3	MRS	MOKONYANE N.P			
4	MR	GODONGWANA E.			
5	MR	MAGASHULE A.			
6	MR	LEGOETE M.D			
7	MR	YENGENI T.S			
8	MR	GQIRANA N.G			
9	MR	NGOBESE B.			
10	MS	CHABEDI M.M			
11	MS	MAKWELA S.M.B			
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20	CREW	LT COL BARNARD A.T			
21	MAJ	KGATLE K.			
22	WO	CHIBEDI T.			
23	SGT	NKOMOMO S.			
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Total passengers 11

kg kg

Loaded by: SGT SEBOKO/L/CPL ZONDI

Prepared by: SGT TANDA /MASHILO

Pilot: 



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07 September 2020

MOD'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO ZIMBABWE: 8TH - 10TH SEPTEMBER 2020

1. BACKGROUND

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans will conduct a bilateral meeting with her counterpart, the Honourable Minister of Defence and War Veterans, Ms Oppah Chamu Zvipange Muchinguri-Kashiri over the period 08 to 10 September 2020.

2. PURPOSE OF THE VISIT

The visit will focus on issues of mutual interests, ensure the peace and stability in the region and will also play an imperative role in affirming the commitment to enhance and strengthen the existing relations and cooperation between both Defence Forces and the countries at large.

3. SUPPORT REQUIRED

3.1 Personal Support

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Ministry has necessary financial resources for this trip and Defence Foreign Relations (DFR) will be responsible for the necessary calculations of appropriate daily subsistence and travel allowances. Daily rates of 110% will apply for the Minister and 100% will apply for all officials.

MOD'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO ZIMBABWE: 08TH SEPTEMBER 2020

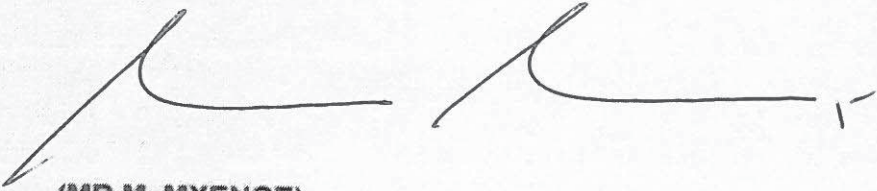
5. TRIP PLAN

- a. The delegation will depart from Waterkloof Airforce Base, Pretoria on Tuesday, 08th September 2020 to Harare, Zimbabwe return to RSA on Thursday 10th September 2020.

6. PROPOSED DELEGATION

It is proposed that the following personnel form part of the MoD delegation:

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 6.1. Close Protector | Mr Bhekophilayo Ngobese |
| 6.2. Personal Assistant | Ms Nozuko Gqirana |
| 6.3. Medical Support | Dr. Stephina Mmati Boitumelo Makwela |
| 6.4. Medical Support | Dr. Mojabeng Merriam Chabedi |


(MR M. MXENGE)
CHIEF OF STAFF

7. MINISTERIAL AUTHORITY

Ministerial authority is sought for the following people to be part of the MoD delegation

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|---|-----------------------|
| 7.1. Ms Nozuko Gqirana | Approved/Not Approved |
| 7.2. Mr Bhekophilayo Ngobese | Approved/Not Approved |
| 7.3. Dr. Stephina Mmati Boitumelo Makwela | Approved/Not Approved |
| 7.4. Dr. Mojabeng Merriam Chabedi | Approved/Not Approved |


(NN MAPISA- NQAKULA)

Date: 07 Sept. 2020

MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: MINISTER

For Action:

CDFR
MoD Budget Manager

(Attn: Brig Gen T.M. Mxakato)
(Attn: Ms A. Stewart)

D.



health

Department:
Health
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Private Bag X828, PRETORIA, 001 Civitas Building, c/o Struben and Thabo Sehume Street
Tel (012) 395 800, Fax (012) 395 8918

Date of issue: 13-09-2020

Dear nosiviwe maphisa - nqakula maphisa - nqakula

RE: APPROVAL OF SELF QUARANTINE APPLICATION: SE8430

The following serves as an official confirmation that your Individual application for self quarantine was recieved and subsequently approved. Your are therefore required to make your way to the following address:

8 Adolf Geortz, Bruma

JOHANNESBURG

Gauteng

The application makes provision for 1 individual/s to be quarantined at this address. This approval however is subjected to having the necessary approvals to travel as issued by DIRCO and Department of Home Affairs.

You are required to travel directly to your place of self quarantine without making unnecessary stops. Travelling whether done by road or air, should be done in such a way as to ensure all hygiene protocols are met, including the waring of masks and adhering to social distancing protocols at all times. Contact with others, should be limited at all times to a minimum the risks to others.

Also note that no layover or accommodation at facilities or family is allowed unless declared and approval for such is granted at a compliant quarantine facility.

We wish you safe passage and remember that you are in quarantine for the full 10 days duration starting from the 09-09-2020 and must adhere to all the required and committed protocols as agreed.

A seperate guide to self quarantine would also follow providing more information on what to do and expect during this time.

Yours truly

The Quarantine Team

NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DATE: 13-09-2020

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4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost for the visit is R33 280,00s which includes accommodation, flights, airport transfers and ground transport, as well as travel & subsistence allowance.

Ser No.	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	COST
1.	<u>Air Ticket:</u>	Air Force Aircraft
2.	<u>Hotel Accommodation:</u> Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa- Nqakula (Minister) Ms Nozuko Gqirana (Personal Assistant) Mr Bhekophilayo Ngobese (Close Protection)	 R8 332,00 R6 666,00 R6 666,00
	TOTAL ACCOMMODATION COSTS IN RANDS	R21 664,00
3.	<u>Transport Related Costs at Destination:</u> 1xSUV 1x Sedan	 R3 334,00 R2 500,00
	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS IN RANDS	R5 834,00
4.	<u>Daily Allowance:</u> Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa- Nqakula (Minister) Ms Nozuko Gqirana (Personal Assistant) Mr Bhekophilayo Ngobese (Close Protector)	 R2 050,00 R1 866,00 R1 866,00
	TOTAL DAILY ALLOWANCE IN RANDS	R5 782,00
5.	TOTAL EXPENDITURE IN RANDS	R33 280,00

5. LIST OF SUPPORT DELEGATION

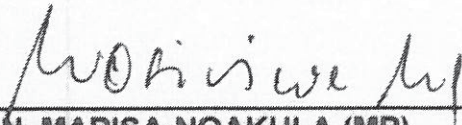
I will be accompanied by the following officials:

- A. Ms Nozuko Gqirana (Personal Assistant)
- B. Mr Bhekophilayo Ngobese (Close Protection)

6. ACTING MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS

The Honourable Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma (MP), Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs will be the acting Minister of Defence and Military Veterans during my absence

This request for Presidential approval is submitted for consideration by the President.



N.N. MAPISA-NQAKULA (MP)
MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS

DATED: 07 SEPT. 2020



THE PRESIDENCY: REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
Private Bag X1000, Pretoria, 0001

Our Ref: *President's Act No. 108 of 2020*

Your Ref: *MS/520/3/4/30*

10 September 2020

Private Secretary to
Minister of Defence and Military Veterans
CAPE TOWN

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REQUEST TO TRAVEL TO ZIMBABWE

With reference to your letter dated 07 September 2020, I wish to inform you that the President has approved, by means of President's Act No. 108 of 2020, Minister NN Mapisa-Nqakula's request to travel to Zimbabwe for the period 08 September to 10 September 2020.

The President has also appointed Dr NC Dlamini-Zuma in terms of section 98 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 as Acting Minister of Defence and Military Veterans for the period of Ms NN Mapisa-Nqakula's absence from the Republic of South Africa.

In terms of the directive which was issued by the Presidency dated 27 July 2012, your office is requested to provide the Presidency with a concise report on the visit, within seven days of return. The report must be submitted to Mr Robert Ngobeni at robert@presidency.gov.za and copied to PresidentRSA@presidency.gov.za.

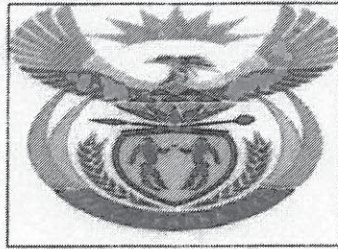


Regards,

**GEOFFREY MPHAPHULI
PRINCIPAL STATE LAW ADVISER
LEGAL AND EXECUTIVE SERVICES**

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INVOICE



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INVOICE NUMBER

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Secretary for Defence
(Directorate Central Accounts: Debtors)
Private Bag X 992
Pretoria
0001
Date: 21 September 2020

African National Congress
P.O. Box 61884
Marshalltown
2107

Attention:

TERMS OF PAYMENT
30 Days after date of invoice

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Flight against repayment: Trip from the Republic of South Africa to Zimbabwe and return over period 08 to 09 September 2020	R 232,200.00

	Qty	Unit Price	TOTAL ZAR
Total Direct Cost for Falcon 900 of 2.7 Flown Hours Per Person	11.0	R 21,109.09	R 232,200.00
Excluding Government Officials	6.0	-R 21,109.09	-R 128,654.54
SUB-TOTAL			R 105,545.46
PAYMENT RECEIVED			R 0.00
AMOUNT OUTSTANDING			R 105,545.46
TOTAL DUE TO DOD			R 105,545.46

BANKING DETAILS:

Bank:	ABSA BANK	Branch:	BOSMAN STREET, PRETORIA
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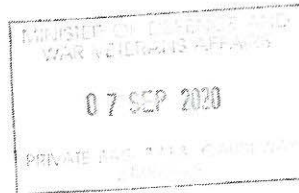
A COPY OF THE DEPOSIT SLIP, AS WELL AS A LIST OF ALL INVOICES PAID MUST BE FAXED TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED FAX NO FOR ATTENTION DALEEN WESSELS.

NB: Please quote the above mentioned invoice Number in any correspondence or payment to the above address.

All Official Correspondences
to be addressed to the
Secretary
Ministry of Defence and War
Veterans Affairs
Telephone: 700155
Telegraphic address
"DEFENCE HARARE"



MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND WAR
VETERANS AFFAIRS
P. BAG 7713, Causeway
Harare



07 September 2020

Hon Minister Ms NN Mapisa-Nqakula, (MP)
Minister of Defence & Military Veterans

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

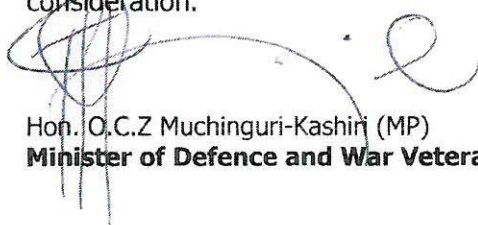
I acknowledge with sincere thanks and appreciation, receipt of your letter dated 7 September 2020 concerning your intended visit to Zimbabwe for bilateral discussions.

Indeed, I agree with you that we need to discuss matters of mutual interest within the context of our existing Defence Bilateral relations. The instability in north eastern Mozambique and the recent developments in the Democratic Republic of Congo are also a cause for concern, which we need to consider seriously as a region.

The advent of the Covid-19 pandemic has greatly constrained our ability to discuss bilateral defence and security issues in the usual face to face fashion. As such your visit will provide a perfect opportunity for us to update each other on developments in our respective countries.

We are therefore proceeding to prepare for the meeting and hope to host you on 9 September 2020.

Please accept, dear colleague, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Hon. O.C.Z Muchinguri-Kashiri (MP)
Minister of Defence and War Veterans Affairs



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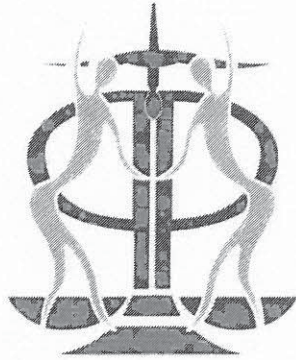
BY ZBC Reporter

Zimbabwe and South Africa's defence ministries held bilateral-talks in Harare this Wednesday where they shared notes on a wide range of issues affecting the two countries.

South Africa's Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa Nqakula and Zimbabwe's Minister of Defence and War Veterans Affairs, Cde Opah Muchinguri-Kashiri met in a closed-door session.

"We had quite an intense discussion on matters of mutual interest as you know Zimbabwe was head of the Troika of SADC and South Africa is also part of that Troika. The other thing we had to consult on is the Friday meeting of the UNSG with ministers of the region so it was important for us to meet, discuss and agree and also to discuss issues of defence to defence relations and the areas where our generals are cooperating."

The two ministers also discussed the current situation in Mozambique as well as ways to deal with the porous border between South Africa and Zimbabwe, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.



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PRETORIA

Dear Minister Mapisa-Nqakula

RE: COMPLAINT TO THE PUBLIC PROTECTOR RELATING TO ALLEGATIONS OF MALADMINISTRATION IN THE OFFICES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS.

1. Kindly take note that I have received a complaint from Mr Vuyolwethu Zungula, MP who is the President of the African Transformation Movement (the Complainant).

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2. Similar complaints were lodged by Mr Hurter Spies on behalf of AfriForum on 10 September 2020 and captured under reference number 008212/20 and by Dr Pieter Groenewald, MP, on behalf of the Freedom Front Plus on 11 September 2020 under reference number 008206/20.
3. The complaints have been consolidated due to their similarities and investigated under reference number 008213/20. Kindly quote this reference number in all further correspondence relating to this matter.
4. The investigation is conducted in terms of section 182(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 read with sections 6 and 7 of the Public Protector Act, 1994.
5. In the letter of complaint, the Complainant alleges that it is common cause that on 09 September 2020, a delegation of the African National Congress (ANC) led by their Secretary General, Mr Elias Sekgobelo "Ace" Magashule landed in Harare, Zimbabwe.
6. It is alleged that it is also common cause that the aircraft of the South African Defence Force was used to transport the ANC delegation. They were met in Harare by Zanu-PF Chairperson, Ms Oppah Muchinguri Kashiri and several other Zanu-PF officials on arrival.
7. It is alleged that it is common cause that the ANC delegation included yourself and various other members of the National Executive Committee (the NEC).
8. It is also alleged that it is common cause that on 10 September 2020, the ANC issued a public statement to give feedback on what was deliberated upon in the meeting. What is noteworthy about the statement, which was issued by the ANC's national Spokesperson is that nothing involving military issues was mentioned.

9. The Complainant contends that media reports attributed to your Spokesperson, Mr Sipiwe Dlamini stated that the ANC meeting coincided with your official in Harare, Zimbabwe.
10. It is contended that Mr Dlamini is reported to have said that you were meeting your Zimbabwean counterpart in preparation for a SADC Troika meeting and the UN reconfiguration of the Force intervention which comprises troops from the SADC region. You have not repudiated Mr Dlamini's statement and therefore, it is safe to conclude that you agree with his version.
11. It is also contended that President Cyril Ramaphosa issued a statement on 11 September 2020 instructing you to furnish him with a detailed report within 48 hours on the circumstances that led to you sharing a flight to Zimbabwe with a delegation of the ANC leadership.
12. The Complainant has requested that I investigate the following:
 - 12.1. Confirmation whether the meeting with your Zimbabwean counterpart indeed took place and if so, the agenda discussed during the meeting. It was contended by your Spokesperson that you were meeting your Zimbabwean counterpart in preparation for a SADC Troika meeting and the UN reconfiguration of the Force intervention which comprises troops from the SADC region;
 - 12.2. Whether you submitted a request for approval to President Ramaphosa in line with Chapter 6, paragraph 1.3 of the Guide for Members of the Executive (Ministerial Handbook), if so, whether the request was approved by President Ramaphosa. Paragraph 1.3 of the Ministerial Handbook effective from November 2019 provides that:

“Ministers and Deputy Ministers should approach the President in writing to request approval for the intended visit and in the event of a planned official visit

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abroad, such request should be at least two weeks prior to departure. Such request, in the case of a Minister, should be accompanied by a request for the appointment of an Acting Minister.”

13. You are requested to provide the following:
 - 13.1. All relevant documentation pertaining to the alleged trip to Harare, including all correspondence between your office and that of your counterpart where the logistics of the trip and the purpose of the meeting are discussed;
 - 13.2. A written account under oath of your whereabouts from the time you landed in Harare, Zimbabwe on 09 September 2020 to when you boarded the flight back to South Africa;
14. You are requested to provide, within 14 (fourteen) calendar days from the date of receipt of this letter, a response to the allegations narrated in this letter and attach copies of all documentation relevant to this matter which are in your possession or under your control.
15. Enquiries may be directed to Mr Mulao Lamula: Senior Investigator: Good Governance and Integrity Unit of the office of the Public Protector at MulaoL@pprotect.org.

Kind regards,



**ADV. BUSISIWE MKHWEBANE
PUBLIC PROTECTOR OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

DATE: 17/09/2020

Letter to the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula.