



28 February 2022

Honourable Speaker,

**EXTENSION OF EMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE FOR SERVICE IN FULFILMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TOWARDS THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC)**

This serves to inform the National Assembly that I have extended the employment of one thousand four hundred and ninety-five (1 495) members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) for a service in fulfilment of an international obligation of the Republic of South Africa towards SADC.

1 495 members of the SANDF were employed to support the Republic of Mozambique to combat the acts of terrorism and violent extremists affecting the northern areas of the Mozambique.

Members of the SANDF will continue to support the Republic of Mozambique for the period from 16 January 2022 to 15 April 2022.

This employment is authorised in accordance with the provisions of section 201(2) (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 read with section 93 of the Defence Act, 2002 (Act No 42 of 2002).

The expenditure expected to be incurred for this employment amounts to R 984 368 057.

I will communicate this report to the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces. I kindly request that you bring the contents of this letter to the attention of Members of the National Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

  
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