



16 March 2021

Dear Speaker,

EXTENSION OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE FOR SERVICE IN FULFILMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TOWARDS THE UNITED NATIONS

This serves to inform the National Assembly that I have extended the employment of nine hundred and fifty-seven (957) members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) for service in fulfilment of the international obligations of the Republic of South Africa towards the United Nations, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

957 members of the SANDF were employed to participate in United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), as part of the Force Intervention Brigade (FIB) as well as the Framework Forces.

Members of the SANDF employed will continue as part of the FIB as well as the Framework Forces of MONUSCO in the DRC.

The extension of employment is for the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

This employment was authorised in accordance with section 201(2)(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

The total expenditure expected to be incurred for this deployment amounts to R818 504 388.

I will communicate this report to members of the National Council of Provinces and wish to request that you bring the contents hereof to the attention of the National Assembly.

Regards;

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