



16 March 2021

Dear Chairperson,

**EXTENSION OF THE EMPLOYMENT 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**

This serves to inform the National Council of Provinces that I have extended the employment of two hundred (200) South African National Defence Force (SANDF) personnel for service in fulfilment of an international obligation of the Republic of South Africa towards the Southern African Development Community.

200 Members of SANDF were employed to deter and prevent piracy in the Mozambique channel. Due to the fact that maritime piracy remains a threat to all countries sharing borders with Western Indian Ocean, the employed members of SANDF will continue deterring and preventing piracy in the Mozambique channel.

This extension of the 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 expenditure expected to be incurred for this deployment amounts to R38 916 213.

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

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Ramaphosa', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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