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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**(MR M H REDELINGHUYS (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION:**

1. How does her department define red tape and b) what (i) specific interventions/or (ii) systems have been implemented to (aa) identify and (bb) reduce red tape in (aaa) her department and (bbb) the entities reporting to her?

**REPLY:**

1. Red tape in the department of international relations and cooperation is seen as an obstructive bureaucratic routine or procedure that unduly hinders an official action.
2. Specific interventions to reduce red tape in the department are to emphasise the application of SMART principles (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound) in the execution of its duties, roles and responsibilities.

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