**QUOTE**

 **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO: 629(NW742E)**

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**Ms H O Hlope (EFF) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

1. What (a) is the current state of bilateral relations with Rwanda after Rwanda brazenly sought and assassinated Rwanda’s opponents in South Africa and,

2. (b) has her department done to ensure that Rwanda does not use South Africa as a killing ground of its opponents?

**REPLY:**

1. South Africa and Rwanda enjoy good political, economic and social co-operation, as evidenced by the existence of over 20 bilateral Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding.
2. It will be recalled that, following the third assassination attempt on a Rwandan refugee in March 2014, the Department of International Relations and Co-operation declared four diplomats serving at the Rwandan High Commission to be persona non grata. The South African government through its security agencies is still following up on the matter as we view of this in a serious light.

**UNQUOTE**