



**STATEMENT BY THE MINISTERIAL DOUBLE TROIKA OF SADC
PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA - 03 JULY, 2012**

1. The Ministerial Double Troika met in Pretoria, Republic of South Africa on 3 July, 2012 to consider the political and security situation in the Region and the preparations for the upcoming AU Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
2. The Ministerial Double Troika received a brief by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on the prevailing situation in the country and noted with great concern the deteriorating security situation in the Eastern DRC.
3. The Ministerial Double Troika also took note of the UN Security Council Report of 27 June, 2012 which corroborates the report submitted by the Government of the DRC on the involvement of Rwanda.
4. SADC reiterated its full support to the Government of the DRC in its actions in protecting its sovereignty and territorial integrity.
5. The Ministerial Double Troika urged the State aforementioned in the UN Report and involved in the destabilisation of the Eastern DRC to refrain from its actions.
6. The Ministerial Double Troika referred the matter to the appropriate level of Heads of State and Government of SADC, and recommended that they consider engaging the Great Lakes Region as a matter of urgency.

**Pretoria, South Africa
03 July, 2012**