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SADC TO HOLD AN EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW PROGRESS OF THE SADC MISSION IN MOZAMBIQUE (SAMIM)

6th January, 2022, Gaborone, Botswana: The Southern African Development Community (SADC) informs that the Extraordinary Summit and its preceding meetings that were scheduled to take place virtually from 5th – 7th January 2022 had been rescheduled. The meetings will now take place in Lilongwe, the Republic of Malawi from 11th – 12th January 2022.

The Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government to be held on 12th January 2021 will review progress of the SADC Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM) which was deployed to support Mozambique to combat terrorism and acts of violent extremism.

His Excellency Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, in his capacity as the Chairperson of SADC, will chair the Extraordinary Summit.

Prior to the Extraordinary Summit, His Excellency Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa and Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation will, on 11 January, 2022, convene an Extraordinary SADC Organ Troika Summit, comprising Heads of State and Government from Organ Troika members namely; Botswana, Namibia and South Africa and will be attended by the Republic of Mozambique.

In accordance with the SADC Treaty, the SADC Summit is responsible for the overall policy direction and control of functions of the community, ultimately making it the policy-making institution of SADC.

The Extraordinary Summit and its preceding meetings as outlined below will be held as follows:

- Extra-Ordinary Organ Troika Summit Plus the Personnel Contributing Countries (PCCS) and the Republic of Mozambique - 11 January 2022 at 0900hours
- Extra-Ordinary Council of Ministers - 11 January 2022 at 1700hours
- Extra-Ordinary SADC Summit - 12 January 2022 at 1100hours

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SADC in Brief

SADC is an organisation of 16 Member States established in 1980 as the Southern African Development Coordinating Conference (SADCC) and later, in August, 1992 transformed into the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The mission of SADC is to promote sustainable and equitable economic growth and socio-economic development through efficient, productive systems, deeper cooperation and integration, good governance and durable peace and security; so that the region emerges as a competitive and effective player in international relations and the world economy. Member States are Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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