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HON. JACK JACOB MWIIMBU, SC (MP)

ON THE OCCASSION OF

**THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SADC CHIEFS OF POLICE
SUB-COMMITTEE/SARPCCO OF THE INTER-STATE DEFENCE AND SECURITY
COMMITTEE (ISDSC)**

HELD AT

MULUNGUSHI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

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THURSDAY 13TH JUNE, 2024

SALUTATION

- ❖ THE SARPCCO CHAIRPERSON, AND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE, **MR GRAPHEL MUSAMBA;**
- ❖ THE DIRECTOR ORGANS ON POLITICS, DEFENCE AND SECURITY AFFAIRS, SADC SECRETARIAT, **PROFESSOR KULA ISHMAEL THELETSANE;**
- ❖ THE IN-COMING CHAIRPERSON AND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, CHIEF OF POLICE FORCE, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, **MR CAMILLUS M. WAMBURA;**
- ❖ SADC CHIEFS OF POLICE;
- ❖ THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PERMANENT COORDINATING SUBCOMMITTEE (PCSC), COMMISSIONER CID OF THE ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE **MR. MWALA YUYI**
- ❖ THE HEAD OF INTERPOL REGIONAL BUREAU HARARE, **MR. SELLO MOERANE**
- ❖ THE SENIOR OFFICER POLICE/SARPCCO, SADC SECRETARIAT **MS. THANYANI GUMEDE**
- ❖ DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES,
- ❖ MEMBERS OF THE PRESS;
- ❖ LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IT IS A PROFOUND HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE TO ADDRESS THIS ESTEEMED GATHERING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SADC CHIEFS OF POLICE SUB-COMMITTEE/SARPCCO OF THE INTER-STATE DEFENCE AND SECURITY (ISDSC). THIS SUMMIT SERVES AS A CRUCIAL PLATFORM FOR COLLABORATION, IDEA EXCHANGE, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFIED APPROACH TO TACKLE THE DIVERSE SECURITY CHALLENGES CONFRONTING OUR REGION.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I EXTEND MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL THE DISTINGUISHED POLICE CHIEFS AND DELEGATES WHO HAVE TRAVELLED FAR AND WIDE TO BE HERE FOR THIS SUMMIT. YOUR PRESENCE UNDERSCORES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS SUMMIT AND OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR CITIZENS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE INDISPENSABLE ROLE PLAYED BY THE SADC SECRETARIAT AND THE LOCAL POLICE COMMAND FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK IN MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IN TODAY'S INTERCONNECTED WORLD, CRIME KNOWS NO BORDERS. ISSUES SUCH AS TERRORISM, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, DRUG SMUGGLING, AND CYBERCRIME POSE SIGNIFICANT THREATS THAT CAN ONLY BE EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSED THROUGH REGIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION. BY WORKING TOGETHER, SHARING INTELLIGENCE, AND HARMONIZING OUR EFFORTS, WE CAN CREATE A FORMIDABLE FORCE AGAINST THESE TRANSNATIONAL THREATS.

DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES,

OVER THE PAST YEAR, I AM AWARE THAT WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN ENHANCING OUR COLLECTIVE SECURITY INITIATIVES SUCH AS JOINT OPERATIONS, TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND INFORMATION-SHARING MECHANISMS WHICH HAVE YIELDED POSITIVE RESULTS. HOWEVER, THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. WE MUST CONTINUOUSLY EVALUATE OUR STRATEGIES, ADOPT NEW TECHNOLOGIES, AND STRENGTHEN OUR PARTNERSHIPS TO STAY AHEAD OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO DISRUPT OUR PEACE AND SECURITY.

I URGE YOU TO UTILISE THE TIME YOU HAVE TO STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION IN INTELLIGENCE SHARING, CAPACITY BUILDING, AND THE USE OF SCIENTIFIC METHODS TO COMBAT CROSS-BORDER CRIME IN THE SADC REGION.

THEREFORE, I WISH TO REITERATE AND URGE SADC MEMBER STATES TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE SARPCCO CHAIRPERSON WHICH INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ EXPEDITE DOMESTICATION OF THE SADC INTEGRATED STRATEGY TO PREVENT AND COMBAT TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME (TOC) AND ITS ACTION PLAN THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS THAT RESONATE WITH THE REGIONAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN;
- ❖ ESTABLISH AND OPERATIONALIZE THE NATIONAL TASK FORCES TO COORDINATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SADC INTEGRATED

STRATEGY AND ITS ACTION PLAN TO PREVENT AND COMBAT TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME;

- ❖ CONDUCT NATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME THREAT ASSESSMENTS (NOCTAS) TO UNDERSTAND THE DYNAMICS OF ORGANIZED CRIME INCLUDING TRENDS, PERPETRATORS AND THEIR NETWORKS OF SUPPORTERS, VICTIMS, IMPACT, AND OTHER STRATEGIC INFORMATION.
- ❖ ENHANCE INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION, COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AT NATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEVELS;
- ❖ STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY AND THE ACTION PLAN BY ENGAGING AND BRINGING ONBOARD THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATING PARTNERS (ICPS);
- ❖ REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL STRATEGIES TO COMBAT TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME FROM SADC SECRETARIAT; AND
- ❖ CONSIDER STOCK THEFT AS A PRIORITY TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME.

DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

AT THIS JUNCTURE, ALLOW ME TO CONGRATULATE THE INCOMING SARPCCO CHAIRPERSON, INSPECTOR GENERAL, CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA POLICE FORCE, MR CAMILLUS M. WAMBURA WHO WILL BE TAKING OVER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND WISH HIM WELL AS HE TAKES UP THE CHALLENGE OF BUILDING THIS ORGANIZATION FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

MY APPEAL TO ALL SARPCCO CHIEFS IS TO GIVE HIM ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT SO THAT HE CAN TAKE THIS ORGANIZATION TO GREATER HEIGHTS.

DISTINGUISHED POLICE CHIEFS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

LET US REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER AND MORE SECURE SADC REGION. THE CHALLENGES WE FACE ARE FORMIDABLE, BUT WE CAN OVERCOME THEM WITH UNITY, DETERMINATION, AND A SHARED VISION. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS DURING THIS MEETING WILL LEAD TO ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS AND STRATEGIES THAT WILL STRENGTHEN OUR REGIONAL SECURITY FRAMEWORK.

ONCE AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. HAKAINDE HICHILEMA, I WISH YOU PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS AND A SUCCESSFUL SUMMIT.

WITH THESE REMARKS IT IS NOW MY HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE TO DECLARE THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SADC CHIEFS OF POLICE SUB-COMMITTEE/SARPCCO OFFICIALLY OPENED.

I THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL