

QUOTE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO: 1(NO1041E) AS PUBLISHED IN IQP NO 9-2014 OF 19 AUGUST 2014

Ms V Kalyan to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

- (1) Whether she has interacted with her counterpart in Nigeria regarding the abduction of schoolgirls by Boko Haram; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1041E

REPLY:

- (1) In the wake of the abductions the Minister called in the High Commissioner of Nigeria for a meeting to discuss this matter and to avail South Africa's willingness to assist.
- (2) South Africa remains concerned about the fate of the abducted school girls from Chibok, Nigeria and the continued extremist activities perpetrated by Boko Haram, which are claiming many lives of innocent civilians. In this regard, we reiterate our condemnation of all forms and manner of terrorism from whichever quarter. South Africa also supports the African Union condemnations of the abductions of Chibok girls and other Boko Haram terrorist activities, which continue to have a negative impact on the lives of innocent people. South Africa has directed its support of the Federal Republic of Nigeria through the African Union.

UNQUOTE