NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY FOR QUESTION NO. 113 (NW118E) AS APPREARED IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY NO.1-2014 OF 13 FEBRUARY 2014

MR L S NGONYAMA (COPE) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION:

(1) Whether the government plays any role in the peace talks currently going on in South Sudan; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

REPLY:

(2) South Africa has formally been approached by the government of South Sudan to work with them in finding a political solution in the country. President Zuma announced on 13 February 2014, that South Africa has appointed Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa to be South Africa's special envoy to South Sudan. His efforts will be in support of the IGAD-led mediation process. We have welcomed the cessation of hostilities that has been achieved through the IGAD (Inter-governmental Authority on Development) and AU (IGAD is the relevant subregional economic community.

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