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### SADC to host Extraordinary Troika Summit of the Organ

**24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, Gaborone, Botswana** - His Excellency Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, the President of the Republic of Botswana, and Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, will on Friday, 27 November, 2020 host the Extraordinary Organ Troika Summit, Force Intervention Brigade (FIB) Troop Contributing Countries (TCC) Plus Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Republic of Mozambique to discuss emerging peace and security issues in the region.

The SADC Troika of the Organ includes, Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe as the Current, Incoming and Outgoing Chair of the Organ respectively. The FIB Troop Contributing Countries under the UN Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the DRC (known as MONUSCO) are Malawi, South Africa and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Extraordinary Organ Troika Summit will be preceded by the meeting of the Ministerial Committee of the Organ (MCO) which will be held on 26 November, 2020.

The SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation in short, the Organ, is the body whose overall objective is to promote peace and security in the region in line with Article 2 of the SADC Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation.

The Media is invited to the Official Opening and Closing ceremonies of the Extraordinary Troika Organ Summit and MCO as per the attached programme.

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SADC is an organisation of 16 Member States established in 1980. 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.