

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA ON THE SADC DOUBLE TROIKA SUMMIT, LUANDA, REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, HELD ON 24 APRIL 2018

On Madagascar, there is certainly an urgent need for our organisation to make a timely intervention given the current unfolding situation. We should not allow the country to slide back to political instability, particularly now that it is preparing for elections. We call on all stakeholders in the country to exercise restraint and have the best interests of the country at heart.

The Extraordinary Summit approved the urgent deployment of the SADC Special Envoy, H.E. Joaquim Chissano, former President of the Republic of Mozambique, to be assisted by the Chair of the Ministerial Committee of the Organ, Angolan External Relations Minister Manuel Domingos Augusto, and the SADC Secretariat to facilitate a National Dialogue aimed at the de-escalation of the political tensions and reaching consensus on the electoral process.