



REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

CLOSING REMARKS

BY

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**ON BEHALF OF CHAIRPERSON OF
THE SADC ORGAN ON POLITICS, DEFENCE AND SECURITY
COOPERATION**

**DURING
THE SADC ORGAN TROIKA SUMMIT**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
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- **Your Majesty King Mswati III of the Kingdom of Eswatini, Incoming Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation;**
- **Your Excellency Dr. Samia Hassan Sululu, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Outgoing Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation;**
- **Honourable Dr. George Thapatula Chaponda, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Chairperson of the Ministerial Committee of the Organ;**
- **Honourable Ministers;**
- **Your Excellency Mr. Elias Mpedi Magosi, Executive Secretary of the Southern African Development Community (SADC);**
- **Senior Officials and Distinguished Delegates;**
- **Esteemed Members of the SADC Secretariat;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen.**

Good afternoon.

As we come to the close of this Troika Summit of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, allow me to express my sincere appreciation to all delegations for your valuable contributions, constructive engagement, and steadfast commitment to the ideals of our Community.

Today's deliberations have demonstrated our collective resolve to address regional challenges through dialogue, cooperation, and mutual solidarity. The frank and insightful exchanges we have just held reaffirm SADC's enduring commitment to promoting peace, security, democratic governance, and stability across our region.

Your Majesty and Excellencies,

The recommendations adopted during this Meeting will provide strategic guidance to our region in pursuit of peace and security and entrenchment of a culture of democracy and people centred governance. I am confident that they reflect our shared determination to strengthen peace, security, constitutional order, and stability throughout the region.

As we depart from this Meeting, let us remain united in purpose and steadfast in our commitment to implementing the decisions we have taken. Together, we can continue to build a peaceful, secure, and prosperous Southern African Community for the benefit of our peoples.

Before I conclude my remarks, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the United Republic of Tanzania (URT) for the excellent manner in which they served the Organ during their three-year tenure of Troika membership which included Chairing the Organ from 2024 to 2025. The URT served the region very well with dedication at a time when the region experienced intense activities and also challenges emanating from the situation in Mozambique, and eastern DRC.

The URT also led crucial SADC Electoral Observation Missions (SEOMs) to various elections in our region.

I would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the Kingdom of Eswatini for the close cooperation and collaboration during our Chairship of the Organ. As Incoming Chair, Eswatini was more than ready to step in and serve as Chair whenever the situation warranted so. I recall that barely a month after joining

the Troika as Incoming Chair, Malawi had General Elections. URT, the Outgoing Chair was also preparing for general elections. Eswatini willingly stepped in to shoulder the responsibility of heading SEOM in Malawi, a task which was meticulously delivered. They were also able to deploy to subsequent missions in URT and Seychelles. We are, therefore, confident that we are leaving the mantle in good and tested hands as the Kingdom assumes the Chairship of the Organ Troika.

Your Majesty and Excellencies

Allow me also to convey my sincere appreciation to the SADC Secretariat for its excellent technical and administrative support rendered during this meeting and the entire duration of our Chairship of the Troika. We also commend the Republic of South Africa for the excellent facilities at our disposal which have created a conducive environment for successful holding of our meetings here in Durban.

Your Majesty and Excellencies

We seek blessings of the region as we battle it out in the Finals of the Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) tonight taking place in Rabat, Morocco. Our girls and your girls the Scorchers are determined to bring the Cup Home to the Warm Heart of Africa to SADC.

Your Majesty and Your Excellencies, thank you for your attention.

I thank you.

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