



**AGREEMENT AMENDING  
THE PROTOCOL ON POLITICS, DEFENCE AND  
SECURITY COOPERATION**

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**PREAMBLE**

**WE**, the Heads of State or Government of:

The Republic of Angola  
The Republic of Botswana  
The Democratic Republic of Congo  
The Kingdom of Lesotho  
The Republic of Malawi  
The Republic of Mauritius  
The Republic of Mozambique  
The Republic of Namibia  
The Republic of Seychelles  
The Republic of South Africa  
The Kingdom of Swaziland  
The United Republic of Tanzania  
The Republic of Zambia  
The Republic of Zimbabwe

**HAVING REGARD** to the objectives set forth in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Treaty;

**REAFFIRMING** our commitment to the principles of human rights, democracy and the rule of law, especially as these principles must inform the operations of the law enforcement agencies in the SADC Region;

**RECOGNISING** that the current policing cooperation activities need a regional institutional framework;

**MINDFUL** that the SADC Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation does not establish a structure to expressly accommodate regional policing cooperation activities;

**ACTING** on the recommendation from the Chairperson of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Co-operation;

**CONVINCED** that the Inter-State Defence and Security Committee of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Co-operation (ISDSC) should also serve as a coordinating forum for the Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Co-operation Organization (SARPCCO);

**REALIZING** that the Protocol requires amendment to identify the institutional forum for the coordination of the regional policing cooperation activities;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **Definitions**

In this Agreement, terms and expressions defined in Article 1 of the Treaty shall have the same meaning unless the context otherwise requires.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Amendment of Article 1**

Article 1 of the Protocol is amended by inserting in the appropriate alphabetic order the following new definitions:

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|------------|--|
| “Protocol” | means the SADC Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation.   |
| “SARPCCO”  | means the Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Co-operation Organisation, which is an organization established to promote, strengthen and perpetuate co-operation and foster joint strategies for the combat of cross-border and related crimes with regional implications in the SADC Region, and which was recognized by the Summit on August 18, 2006. |

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **Amendment to Article 5 of the Protocol**

Paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Protocol is amended to read as follows:

- “1. The Ministerial Committee shall comprise the ministers responsible for foreign affairs, ministers responsible for defence, ministers responsible for public security, ministers responsible for state security, and ministers responsible for police from each of the State Parties.”

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **Amendment to Article 7 of the Protocol**

1. Paragraph 1 of Article 7 is amended to read as follows:

“1. ISDSC shall comprise the ministers responsible for defence, ministers responsible for public security, ministers responsible for state security, and ministers responsible for police from each of the State Parties.”

2. Paragraph 7 of Article 7 of the Protocol is amended to read as follows:  
“7. ISDSC shall retain the Defence, State Security, Public Security Sub-Committees, SARPCCO and other subordinate structures of the existing Inter-State Defence and Security Committee.”

**ARTICLE 5**

**Insertion of Article 7A in the Protocol**

The Protocol is amended by inserting immediately after Article 7 the following new Article 7A:

**“ARTICLE 7A**

**SARPCCO’s Revised Constitution**

SARPCCO’s revised Constitution shall become Annex 1 to the Protocol.”

**ARTICLE 6**

**Amendment to Article 19 of the Protocol**

Article 19 of the Protocol is amended to read as follows:

**“Article 19**

**Amendment of the Protocol**

This Protocol shall be amended in accordance with Article 22 of the Treaty.”

**ARTICLE 7**

**Entry into force**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by a decision of three-quarters of the Member States that are parties to the Protocol.

**ARTICLE 8**

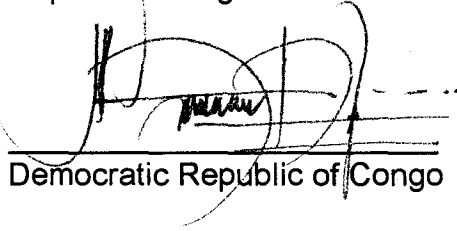
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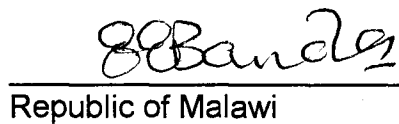
1. The original texts of this Agreement shall be deposited with the Executive Secretary, who shall transmit certified copies to all Member States.
2. The Executive Secretary shall register this Agreement with the Secretariat of the United Nations Organisation and the Commission of the African Union.

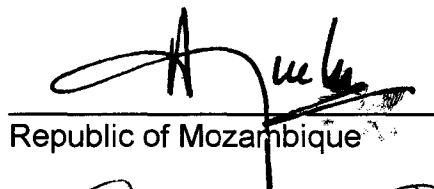
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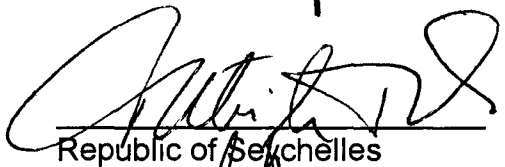
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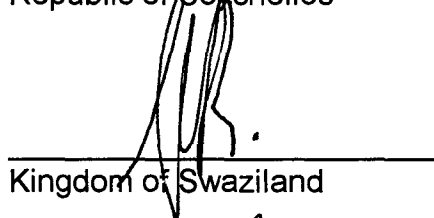
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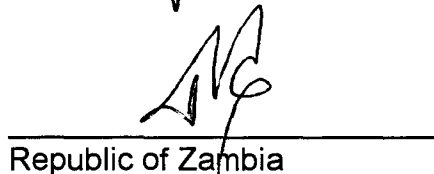
  
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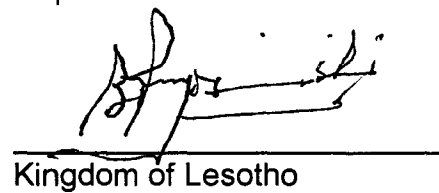
  
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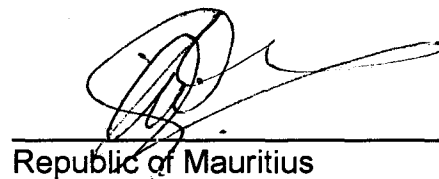
  
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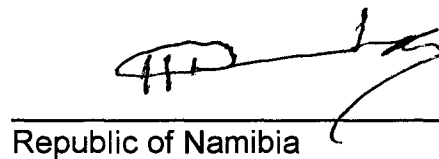
  
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