



7 January 2013

Dear Co-Chairperson,

EMPLOYMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE FOR SERVICE IN FULFILMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TOWARDS THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

This serves to inform the Joint Standing Committee on Defence that I have authorised the employment of Four Hundred (400) South African National Defence Force (SANDF) personnel to the Central African Republic (CAR), to render support in fulfilment of an international obligation of the Republic of South Africa (RSA) towards the CAR.

Members of the SANDF employed will assist with capacity building of the CAR Defence Force and will also assist that country with planning and implementation of the Disarmament, Demobilization and Re-integration process.

This employment is authorised in accordance with the provisions of section 201(2) (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

The employment is for the period 02 January 2013 to 31 March 2018.

The expenditure expected to be incurred for this employment is R 65, 055 000-00 (Sixty five million and fifty five thousand rand).

I will communicate this report to members of the National Assembly and members of the National Council of Provinces and wish to request that you bring the contents hereof to the attention of the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Zuma', written over a circular stamp or mark.

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Dear Honourable Speaker,

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IN FULFILMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
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My letter dated 07 January 2013 on the above matter refers.

The letter stated that I have authorised the employment of 400 South African National Defence Force (SANDF) personnel to the Central African Republic (CAR), to assist with the capacity building of CAR Defence Force and to assist with the planning and implementation of the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Re-integration process.

I therefore wish to clarify that the stated estimated costs of **Sixty Five Million and Fifty five Thousand Rand** (R65 055 000, 00) is for the period 03 January 2013 to 31 March 2013, part of which is from the current defence vote. No provision has been made yet for the financial year 2013/14 for this employment. However the Department of Defence estimates that approximately **Twenty One Million Rand** (R21 000 000, 00) per month would be required. The National Treasury is being consulted in this regard.

Further, our understanding is that the duration of this support will coincide with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between South Africa and CAR that runs until 31 March 2018. Therefore this employment will run up to the end of the duration of our MOU, however if the situation improves in the intervening period, we will revise the protection element accordingly.

I will communicate this report to members of the National Council of Provinces and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Defence and wish to request that you bring the contents hereof to the attention of the National Assembly.

Yours Sincerely



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