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OBJ: [REDACTED] /SOUTH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY AND THE INTERSTATE DEFENSE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE XXI ANNUAL MEETING IN MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE (U) WARNING:(U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, IT IS NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT CLASSIFIED

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SUMMARY: (U) THE INTERSTATE DEFENSE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE//ISDSC//OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY//SADC//MET IN MAPUTO 20000719 TO 20000721 AND

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TEXT: (U) 1. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER N ATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY//SADC// MET IN MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE, FOR THREE DAYS, 19 TO 21 JULY 2000. THE EVENT WAS THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE DEFENSE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE //ISDSC// OF SADC. DURING THE MEETING THE CHAIR OF THE ISDSC TRANSFERRED FROM SWAZILAND TO MOZAMBIQUE. KEY ISSUES ON CRIME, OF CROSS BORDERAND REGIONAL IMPORTANCE, WERE DISCUSSED IN THE AREAS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING, CAR THEFT, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. THE CONFLICTS IN ANGOLA AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO WERE MAIN POINTS CONSIDERED DURING THE MEETING, AS WELL AS THE PROPOSED PROTOCOL REVISING THE ORGAN FOR POLITICS, DIPLOMACY, AND SECURITY. PRESIDENT CHISSANO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO ONCE AGAIN THANK SADC MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE DURING THE FEBRUARY AND MARCH FLOODING IN MOZAMBIQUE AND HIGHLIGHTED THE NEEDFOR A MECHANISM WITHIN SADC FOR MANAGING AND PREVENTING DISASTERS IN THE REGION. THE ISDSC MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE ((ROVUM A)) HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN MAPUTO. 12 OF THE 14 SADC MEMBER STATES WERE PRESENT. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND THE SEYCHELLES DID NOT ATTEND.

2. (U) PRESIDENT JOAQUIM ((CHISSANO)) OF MOZAMBIQUE, ALSO PRESIDENT OF SADC, GAVETHE OPENING REMARKS TO THE MEETING, WHICH INCLUDED CHIEFS OF DEFENSE, POLICE COMMANDERS, AND HEADS OF SECURITY OF THE SADC MEMBER NATIONS. IN HIS REMARKS, PRESIDENT CHISSANO URGED THE APPROVAL OF THE PROTOCOL REVISING THE FUNCTIONING OF

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E ORGAN FOR POLITICS, DIPLOMACY, AND SECURITY AT THE SUMMIT OF THE HEADS OF STATE OF SADC TO BE HELD IN WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA, 20000801 TO 20000807. WHEN ADOPTED, THE PROTOCOL WILL MAKE THE CHAIR OF THE OPDS THE RESIDING PRESIDENT OF SADC, WHO WOULD THEN CONSULT WITH FORMER AND FUTURE PRESIDENTS OF SADC ON DECISIONS RELATED TO POLITICS, DIPLOMACY, AND SECURITY. THIS ARRANGEMENT OF A TROIKA OF DECISION MAKERS AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION BRINGS UNITY TO THE PROCESS AND WILL EFFECTIVELY AVOID FUTURE CONFLICTS IN POLICY DECISIONS WITHIN SADC, SUCH AS THOSE FORMERLY EXPERIENCED BY ROBERT ((MUGABE)) AND NELSON ((MANDELA)). THE PRESIDENT OF ZIMBABWE, ROBERT MUGABE, WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OPDS AND DISAGREED WITH THE PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICA, NELSON MANDELA, WHO WAS THE PRESIDENT OF SADC.

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