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COMMUNITY AND THE INTERSTATE DEFENSE AND SECURITY
COMMITTEE XXI ANNUAL MEETING IN MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE (U)
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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 NATIONS 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
BORDER AND 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 NEED FOR 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, GAVE THE 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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