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SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS A TECHNICAL PROBLEM IN BURUNDI

The South African Air Force (SAAF) confirms that the presidential aircraft, the Boeing Business Jet (BBJ) 737 encountered a technical problem in Burundi during the President's current high level task in that country. The President's safety and security was not in any way compromised by this technical problem. A falcon 900 aircraft from 21 Squadron based at Air Force Base Waterkloof was immediately sent to Burundi to ensure that the President's itinerary continues unhindered.

The president and his entourage are due back the country this afternoon (Saturday, 27 February 2016).

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