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**SUBJECT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE HOLDS A
COMMEMORATIVE PARADE IN BLOEMFONTEIN**

Following a tragic bus accident near Clarens in Free State in August 2016, uniformed and non-uniformed members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) and Department of Defence (DOD) will commemorate their fallen heroines who lost their lives whilst on duty. All the proceedings will take place at Tempe Stadium in Bloemfontein, on Friday 30 September 2016 from 09h30. The Battalion-in-Review parade will be composed of women only. The Department of Defence (DOD) has made significant strides in addressing challenges faced by women in the previously male dominated military environment.

The Women's Day Parade was initially scheduled for August 2016 to wrap up the women's month celebrations as per norm but has since been postponed due to the bus accident.

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Honourable Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula will be the main functionary during the parade and will be accompanied by the command cadre of the DOD/SANDF. Various ministers have been invited to attend the parade.

Members of the media are invited to send journalists or photographers to cover the parade. Assigned journalists are requested to confirm their attendance as depicted below, on or before Thursday 29 September 2016 at 15h00.

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