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Department:  
Defence  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**DATE:** 04 April 2016

**EMBARGO:** None

**SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE CONDEMNS THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE UNION**

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) would like to state that it strongly condemns the statement issued by the National Secretary of the South African National Defence Union (SANDU) over the weekend. The SANDF wants to confirm and assure all South Africans that it is in a non-partisan institution that is established and managed in accordance to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, as amended. The SANDF will remain above petty party politics and refused to be drawn into politics.

The SANDF calls on individuals and/or organisations, and SANDU in particular, not to:

1. Incite members of the SANDF.
2. Use members of the SANDF to advance or pursue their political ambitions.
3. Be opportunistic and try to gain popularity by using members of the SANDF

The SANDF will view such conducts as acts of provocation and that will not be tolerated.

**ENDS**

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