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## MEDIA STATEMENT

**DATE:** 10 February 2018

**EMBARGO:** None

**SUBJECT: REPORTED ALLEGATIONS OF ASSAULT AND TORTURE BY MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) has been alerted to reports of torture and assault in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) allegedly committed by some of its members deployed under the United Nations (UN) mission in that country. The allegations are understood to have been reported by citizens of the DRC.

The Chief of the SANDF, General Solly Shoke, views these allegations in a very serious light and has instituted a formal investigation into the alleged reports in order to establish their veracity and take the necessary corrective actions against those involved. The investigations will be conducted by National Investigating Officers in close liaison with the UN office in the DRC.

General Shoke has emphasised that ill-discipline and criminality will not be tolerated within the ranks of the SANDF and those found to have transgressed the Code of Conduct and Military Disciplinary Code will be dealt with without fear or favour.

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