Minister Mapisa-Nqakula will meet her Russian counterpart Sergey Shoygu on the sidelines of the VII Moscow Conference on International Security (MCIS), which will be held in Moscow from 3-5 April 2018. The two ministers will discuss a variety of bilateral defence issues.

This year the MCIS will, inter alia, pay particular attention to terrorism in Syria, including security issues facing Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Launched by the Russian Ministry of Defence in 2012, the MCIS has long played an important role in global and regional security affairs, bringing together Defence Ministers, government officials and security experts from around the world.

It is estimated that the 7th instalment of the conference will bring together delegates from 95 countries. According to the Russian Ministry of Defence, 30 Defence Ministers from around the globe have confirmed their participation, as well as members of 8 international organizations and 68 foreign security experts.

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