MEDIA STATEMENT

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THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS APPLAUDS THE CREW OF AN SA AIR FORCE LOCKHEED C-130 HERCULES MILITARY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN AN UNCONTROLLED LANDING INCIDENT IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula was informed on Thursday, 09 January 2020 of the uncontrolled landing incident of an SA Air Force Lockheed C-130 Hercules Military transport aircraft in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo. An aviation board of inquiry will be convened to closely investigate all events that led to this unfortunate incident.

The Minister has expressed her gratitude for the expertise and professionalism of the crew under duress that ensured that lives are not lost during the uncontrolled landing incident that involved men and women of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) who are serving the Republic and the Region with zeal and pride to ensure there is peace and stability in the continent.

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