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Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans: What new ideas and solutions has the Republic adopted and implemented following her attendance in Moscow of the International Security Conference to share practical ideas and explore solutions on matters of global security in August 2022?

REPLY:

The 10th Moscow Conference on international Security which took place from the 15th to the 17th of August 2022, was attended by various defence ministers and ministries from 35 African, Asian and Latin American countries as well as experts and key stakeholders, by the invitation of the Russian Minister of Defence General Shoigu.

The Conference's objectives were to share practical ideas and explore solutions on matters of global security. As South Africa is one of the key players on peace and security on the African continent, the conference was also an opportunity for Minister Modise to engage with her counterparts on security issues in the context of ongoing global security challenges and expose South Africa to practical and innovative strategies that are used by other countries, which include using technological advancements as force multipliers and how ongoing bilateral relations, both in the trade and the defence cooperation to address defence and security challenges that confront South Africa, the continent of Africa and the World at large.

During the conference South Africa reiterate and articulated its position on the need for maintenance of international peace and security as per the provisions of the United Nations Charter and per AU's Agenda 2063 on "Silencing the Guns", by condemning any violation of sovereignty and encourage through constant dialogue, mediation and diplomacy between conflicting parties as the only path to end the conflict and to work with all peace-loving nations of the world, through relevant multilateral bodies, to contribute meaningfully towards lasting peace in the world.

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