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Mr A.M. Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What measures has her department put in place to address the concerns that have been raised regarding South Africans of Jewish origin who continue to receive training in the Israel Defence Forces, which poses a serious risk to the Republic?

REPLY:

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, provides in section 198(b) that the resolve to live in peace and harmony precludes any South African citizen from participating in armed conflict, nationally or internationally, except as provided for in the Constitution or national legislation.

The Prohibition of Mercenary Activities and Regulation of Certain Activities in Country of Armed Conflict Act 27 of 2006 was passed to prohibit mercenary activity; to regulate the provision of assistance or service of a military or military-related nature in a country of armed conflict; to regulate the enlistment of South African citizens or permanent residents in other armed forces; to regulate the provision of humanitarian aid in a country of armed conflict; to provide for extra-territorial jurisdiction for the courts of the Republic with regard to certain offences; to provide for offences and penalties; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Furthermore, matters of this nature are further coordinated by the security sector departments under the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster (JCPS).

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