

PRESIDENT

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

28 August 2006

Dear Madam Speaker,

**EMPLOYMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE IN THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO FOR SERVICE IN FULFILMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TOWARDS THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**

This serves to inform the National Assembly that I have authorised the employment of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) personnel to the Kingdom of Lesotho, in fulfilment of the international obligations of the Republic of South Africa towards the Kingdom of Lesotho, to provide helicopter transport to the SADC Heads of State and Government during the SADC Heads of State and Government Summit to be held in Lesotho as from 17 to 18 August 2006. The Government of Lesotho requested South Africa to provide SANDF helicopter to transport Heads of State and Government to and from the Lesotho Highlands Water Project Area (Mohale Dam) on 17 August 2006.

This employment was authorised in accordance with the provisions of section 201(2)(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, read with section 93 of the Defence Act, 2002 (Act No. 42 of 2002).

A total of six members of the SANDF are employed on 17 August 2006. The total estimated cost to be borne by the SANDF is R 153 000.

I will communicate this report to members of the National Council of Provinces and wish to request that you bring the contents hereof to the attention of the National Assembly.

Regards



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