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**Subject: THE RUSSIA-SOUTH AFRICA DEFENCE FORCES MEET IN THE  
RUSSIAN CAPITAL MOSCOW 11-12 MARCH 2013.**

The Chief South African National Defence Force (SANDF), General Solly Zacharia Shoke today arrived in the Russian capital Moscow for a two day meeting between the armed forces of the Russian Federation and South Africa.

Leading a high level military and civilian defence delegation, the meeting will discuss possible military to military technical cooperation between the two military establishments. The areas of cooperation which will be under discussion are the exchange of students, instructors, military courses and information exchange on various number of military matters amongst others.

The delegation also includes representatives of the South Africa defence industry which will be engaging the Russian defence industry on the possibility of technology collaboration in different defence sector. This meeting will take place alongside the military to military discussions.

This meeting takes place shortly after the Minister of Defence Ms Mapisa-Nqakula visited the Russian Federation capital in 23 January 2013 to strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the area of Defence. The Minister held two meetings with the Russian Deputy Prime Minister and the Defence Deputy Minister respectively. The two countries have agreed to pursue further discussions on possible cooperation and exchange programs in the areas defence training and technical fields.

These important talks will be are expected to be followed by a defence seminar which will take place in Durban - South Africa in March parallel to the 5<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit.

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