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Subject: THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE (SANDF) RESUMES WITH THE TRIAL OF ITS MEMBERS IMPLICATED IN THE ILLEGAL PROTEST MARCH TO THE UNION BUILDINGS IN 2009

South African National Defence Force (SANDF) members, who are implicated in the illegal protest march to the Union Buildings on August 26 2009, are appearing before the Military Court for disobeying the SANDF's Military Disciplinary Supplementary Measures Act. The proceedings resume on 07 October 2013 at SA Army Gymnasium, Heidelberg.

The resumption of the proceedings follows the postponement by the Presiding Judge of a Military Court, on 09 July 2013, after hearing arguments from the prosecution and defence lawyers. It is for this reason that the Presiding Judge indicated that no further postponement will be granted.

The top military echelons, under the leadership of Chief of South African National Defence Force, is entrusted with the Constitutional mandate of ensuring that discipline in the military is maintained. The significant stride of this Constitutionality ensures that the people of South Africa are and feel safe, and by extension, that discipline in the military is non-negotiable.

Members of the media are invited to send a cameraperson and or/ journalist to cover the event. Kindly confirm your attendance on or before 04 October 2013 to Lieutenant Romeo Mabote on 012 355 6388.

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