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SUBJECT: THE SAS AMATOLA STARTS WITH THE NEXT ROTATION OF PATROLS IN THE MOZAMBIKAN CHANNEL

As previously stated, the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) will continue with its operation in the Mozambican channel in support of Southern African Development Community (SADC) maritime strategy in conjunction with the South Africa's security partners.

The SAS AMATOLA will commence with the next rotation for Operation COPPER this month. It is important for the SANDF to maintain its presence in the area in order to ensure that no element undermine the passage of maritime traffic in the region.

The SANDF will remain seized with its responsibility and commitment to support its neighbouring countries to ensure that the seas are open for the nations. The SAS AMATOLA is expected to be in Mozambique for a period of three to four months. Details of the operation cannot be disclosed due to security reasons.

Ends.

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