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On Tuesday, 18 March 2014, Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula will address Defence and Military Attachés (DAs/MAs) representing South Africa abroad. The 4 day consultative conference will serve as a platform to share ideas and experiences through meaningful dialogue in pursuance of the objectives of defence foreign relations. The first of its kind in post-apartheid era, the theme of the conference, “The role of defence foreign relations in enhancing national security”, puts emphasis on the indispensable value of strategic defence diplomacy as a tool for development and advancing South Africa’s agenda on the global stage.

Additionally, the conference comes at a time when South Africa is playing a critical role in enhancing peacemaking and peacekeeping in Africa and the world. Consequently, it will offer an opportunity to reflect on those experiences with a view to enhancing global security. The conference also forms part of a series of meetings dedicated to two-way communication and interaction between Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula and structures of the SANDF.

In an ongoing effort to serve the country more effectively, efficiently and responsively, the Minister will outline achievements in the 20 years of democracy, confront challenges faced by Defence and Military Attachés head-on and discuss the way forward for South Africa’s defence diplomacy. The Minister believes that the conference is a step in the right direction.

The Minister’s address will be held behind closed doors with no media allowed.

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