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**SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER NOSIVIWE MAPISA-NQAKULA AND
MINISTER OF DEFENCE OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL**

On Thursday, 20 March 2014, Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula will be hosting the Minister of Defence of the Federative Republic of Brazil, His Excellency Mr Celso Luiz Nunes Amorim. South Africa and Brazil have a long-standing and healthy bilateral relationship. During the meeting, matters related to defence co-operation, and steps towards strengthening bonds between the two countries will be discussed.

The bilateral defence co-operation between South Africa and Brazil has progressed considerably since the dawn of democracy in South Africa. The significance of the relationship was cemented by the Presidential Declaration in 1996. To further augment the established close ties, the Declaration on Strategic Partnership between Brazil and South Africa was signed on 9 July 2010. As a result, the various strategic partnership and co-operation agreements between the two countries have made valuable contributions to the effective democratic management of defence and security related functions in both countries.

Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula is delighted to welcome His Excellency Celso Amorim to South Africa.

Although the meeting will be a closed session, members of the media are invited to a photo opportunity and brief remarks by Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula between 08:00 am and 09:00 am at Defence Headquarters, ARMSCOR Building, c/o Nossob and Boeing, Erasmuskloof. Media are advised to arrive early to set up.

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