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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Subject: MINISTER NOSIVIWE MAPISA-NQAKULA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY IN PARIS, FRANCE**

President Jacob Zuma has commissioned Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula to represent South Africa on July 14, 2014 at the Bastille Day Military Parade in Paris. For France, this year's Bastille Day marks the centenary of the First World War. In light of this, President François Hollande has invited South Africa to the official parade.

The storming of the Bastille on July 14, 1789, was a significant day in the advancement of democracy and liberation, a day with an illustrious history that resonates with South Africans on a broader scale.

France regards South Africa as an important and crucial strategic partner and both countries have developed close and steady relations over the years, especially in the areas of peacekeeping and peacebuilding on the continent.

Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula is greatly honoured to represent our government and its people at this momentous event.

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