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Defence and Military Veterans Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula will attend the meeting of Foreign and Defence Ministers of the Great Lakes Countries, scheduled for 7 August 2014 in New York, USA. Countries in the African Great Lakes region include Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

Matters to be discussed at the meeting will include, inter alia, broader regional security issues, a review of the implementation of the Kampala Declaration Dialogue and the outcomes of the ICGLR/SADC meeting of July 2 2014.

South Africa is not part of the Great Lakes Region, but plays a valuable role in the pursuit of sustainable solutions to the various challenges faced by the region and its people. Therefore, South Africa's participation in the meeting is of uttermost importance.

Minister Mapisa-Nqakula hopes the meeting will advance efforts to bring peace, security, long-term stability and a sustainable future to Africa's Great Lakes Region.

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