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NOTIFICATION OF MOTION ON A SINGLE ENERGY MARKET IN SADC

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Submission: That the 51st SADC PF Plenary Assembly Session:

AWARE that a common energy security strategy may be an opportunity for economic growth for all SADC Member countries by establishing a SADC energy market and a transnational distribution network in the region;

CONSIDERING the Vision of Pillar II on SADC Infrastructure Development which informs regional integration and aims at effective transboundary infrastructure by 2050 with services and support networks which facilitate deeper regional integration;

FURTHER CONSIDERING that most countries in our region have significant shortcomings in energy generation, a factor of low economic growth which constrains sustainability and advancement of the social and economic equity of the region's communities and citizenry;

DEEPLY CONCERNED about the negative impact of energy insufficiencies in our countries and its effect on the regional business fabric, foreign direct investment and our people's access to the benefits of electrical energy, especially the most disadvantaged and vulnerable, including the youth, girls, women, the disabled and the elderly;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the lack of a common energy vision increases market inequalities among the countries of our region, which consequently affects the strategic objectives of joint development and the aspirations of economic integration, as provided in the Preamble to the Constitution of the SADC Parliamentary Forum signed in 1992;

CONCERNED about the adverse effect of the world's economic dependency on fossil fuels, in particular on refined petroleum products in the West, as well as the energy management model out of step with the Sustainable Development Goals, which threatens trade, economic and financial relations between the Member States and undermines the assumptions of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement.

ENDORISING the objectives of the SADC Protocol on Energy and Investment aiming to position the Southern Region on a standing of prosperity, wealth, energy self-sufficiency, sustainability, and the 2030 United Nations Goals on Renewable and Affordable Energies which call for universal access to energy services and increase in the use of green energy worldwide;

FURTHER ENDORSING calls by the African Union for the continent to establish itself as an alternative source of energy through a Single African Electricity Market in order to meet the energy needs of Africa, the African people and export to other regions, and the calls by the United Nations for technology expansion and modernisation by 2030, with a view to provide modern and sustainable energy services to all developing countries, especially the least developed ones;

ACKNOWLEDGING AND AFFIRMING the individual and collective efforts committed by SADC Member States, and calling for the establishment of a truly integrated and optimised energy community in the SADC region susceptible of meeting the expectations, aspirations and needs of the people in this community of sisterly States;

NOW THEREFORE resolves to:

Call upon the SADC PF and the National Parliaments to:

- a) Develop and implement a regional energy strategy and make concerted efforts to mainstream the issue of an African Electricity Market as a standing item on the Regional Development Agenda.
- b) Urge Member States to strongly engage on the theme of energy independence, given its key importance for the future of our region, as it is one of the cornerstones in the future support structure to the development of Southern Africa.
- c) Foster parliamentary advocacy efforts targeting SADC Heads of State and Government so that they may pursue renewable energies as a sustainable solution in curbing climate change and protecting the environment.

PROPONENT'S SIGNATURE:
