



**54TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION
22ND TO 26TH NOVEMBER 2023
PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS**

NOTICE OF MOTION ON BRICS AND BRICS PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (PF)

Mover: Honourable Professor Peter KATJAVIVI, Speaker, Namibia

Seconder: Honourable Tlohang SEKHAMANE, Speaker, Lesotho

Date for which Notice is given: 25th November 2023

Question Proposed: That the 54th Plenary Assembly Session of the SADC PF:-

NOTING that, during its chairpersonship of the BRICS cooperation mechanism in 2023, the South African government hosted a successful XV BRICS Summit from 22nd to 24th August in Sandton, South Africa, under the theme “BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Multilateralism;”

FURTHER NOTING that the South African Parliament also successfully hosted the 9th BRICS PF meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 27th to 28th September 2023 under the theme: “Harnessing Inclusive Multilateralism and Parliamentary Diplomacy to Deepen BRICS and Africa Partnership for Accelerated Implementation of the Africa Free-Trade Agreement;”

WELCOMING the outcomes of both BRICS conferences, as articulated in the XV BRICS Summit Johannesburg II Declaration and the 9th BRICS PF Declaration;

APPRECIATING the resolutions agreed upon at the XV BRICS Summit, which encompass five thematic areas of BRICS and Africa partnership, namely:

- (a) Developing a partnership towards an equitable Just Transition;
- (b) Transforming education and skills development for the future;
- (c) Unlocking opportunities through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA);
- (d) Strengthening post-pandemic socio-economic recovery and advancing progress toward the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development; and

- (e) Strengthening multilateralism, including the efforts towards substantial reforms of global governance institutions and enhancing the meaningful participation of women in peace processes;

ENCOURAGED by the commitment of BRICS Member States to promote inclusive multilateralism and uphold international law in a world where sovereign states cooperate to maintain peace and security, advance sustainable development, ensure the promotion and protection of democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, and promote cooperation based on the spirit of solidarity, mutual respect, justice and equality;

FURTHER APPRECIATING the BRICS Heads of State's continued support of the African Union's (AU) Agenda 2063 and Africa's efforts towards integration, including the effective implementation of the AfCFTA;

REITERATING the observation made in the XV BRICS Summit Declaration that the AfCFTA is set to create a predictable environment for investments, particularly in infrastructure development, and to provide opportunities for synergies with partners for cooperation, trade and development on the African continent;

ACKNOWLEDGING the immense potential that the AfCFTA represents for the integration and development aspirations of the SADC region, as envisioned in the SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP 2020-2030) and SADC Vision 2050;

WELCOMING the resolve and ongoing efforts by the members of the BRICS PF to strengthen BRICS parliamentary exchanges and inter-parliamentary dialogue to deepen parliamentary diplomacy, as emphasised in the Johannesburg Declaration of the 10th BRICS Summit, held in South Africa from 25th to 27th July 2018;

APPRECIATING the initiative taken by the South African Parliament to extend invitations to various delegations representing the parliamentary community in Africa, including regional parliamentary assemblies and national parliaments of the SADC, to participate in the 9th BRICS PF;

COMMENDING the leadership role played by the South African Parliament in facilitating the adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding on the BRICS Parliamentary Forum, marking the first step towards the institutionalisation of the parliamentary dimension within the BRICS cooperation mechanism;

Now, therefore, calls upon the 54th Plenary Assembly to:

- i) *Encourage* SADC Member States to actively explore collaboration opportunities with BRICS Member States and institutions, including the BRICS New Development Bank, towards the realisation of the development aspirations of the SADC RISDP 2020-2030 and SADC Vision 2050, and facilitate the accelerated the implementation of the AfCFTA.

- ii) *Resolve* for the SADC PF to, in future, deliberate on how relations between BRICS and SADC, both at executive and parliamentary levels, can be strengthened to further advance South-South cooperation and effective, inclusive multilateralism.
- iii) *Urge* SADC Parliaments and their Parliamentarians to use parliamentary diplomacy and their domestic parliamentary mandates, to promote cooperation between their respective Member States and BRICS.
- iv) *Encourage* SADC PF Member Parliaments to actively support BRICS PF endeavours aimed at facilitating parliamentary exchanges and deepening of parliamentary diplomacy.

SIGNATURE OF MOVER:
