

## STATEMENT BY THE SOUTHERN AFRICA DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC) HEADS OF MISSION BASED IN NEW DELHI ON THE IMMEDIATE LIFTING OF THE ILLEGAL SANCTIONS IMPOSED AGAINST ZIMBABWE

- 1. The Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Heads of Mission based in New Delhi recall the decision of the 39<sup>th</sup>Ordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government of Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) held in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania from 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019, that declared the 25<sup>th</sup> of October of each year a day for all SADC Member States to express their solidarity with Zimbabwe against the imposition of illegal sanctions, in place since 2002.
- The SADC Heads of Mission based in New Delhi express deep concern over the continued application of the illegal sanctions that have had an adverse impact on the welfare and economic well-being of the people of Zimbabwe and curtailed the implementation of regional economic programmes and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The SADC Heads of Mission based in New Delhi reiterate the urgent need to lift these coercive economic measures and call upon all progressive peace loving nations to condemn the unfair and unilateral illegal sanctions imposed on Zimbabwe.

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