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HSRC SEMINAR  
INVITATION

The HSRC is pleased to invite you to its closing  
seminar of 2000

THE ROLE OF THE SANDF IN  
AFRICAN PEACE-KEEPING  
INITIATIVES

General Sipho Nyanda  
Chief of the SA National Defence Force

The policy issue....

South Africa's re-entry into the international community has generated many calls for it to participate in international peace-keeping operations and initiatives. This is particularly so with regard to initiatives in war- torn African countries. Only this week, African leaders were in Maputo debating processes and interventions around the Democratic Republic of Congo.

South Africa's participation in any such force raises a number of key

policy issues.

What capacity and experience does the SANDF have to participate in peace initiatives? The political and military dynamics of such operations are new to the SANDF, given the history of its constituent parts;

How do recent internal developments in the SANDF - around racism and discipline, for example - affect the SANDF's capacity?

Do the links that South Africa enjoys with certain countries in Africa constrain its neutrality in any peace initiatives? A striking example is South Africa's possible contribution to the United Nations Observer Mission in the DRC (MONUC) to oversee the Lusaka peace accord. South Africa's close relations with Rwanda and Uganda has given the Kabila government a reason to question the role of the SANDF.

Under what conditions will the SANDF get involved in such operations? Factors such as financial costs, mandates from the UN, OAU and SADC and entry and exit strategies all have a profound bearing on peace-keeping operations;

What lessons has the SANDF drawn from the history of peace-keeping operations in Africa over the last decade or so?

This keynote address by the head of the SANDF should prove to be extremely interesting to a wide range of persons.

Interested in issues of diplomacy, foreign policy, military and security or the African Renaissance? If so, take time off and come and listen to a key policy actor share his views on an extremely topical policy issue.

Details to diarise.....

Date: Tuesday 12 December 2000  
Time: 10.50 am for 11am - to 12.45 pm

Venue: Forum 150, HSRC Conference Centre  
134 Pretorius Street, Pretoria

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