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PREAMBLE

WE, the Heads of State or Government of:

The Republic of Angola

The Republic of Botswana

The Union of Comoros

The Democratic Republic of Congo

The Kingdom of Eswatini

The Kingdom of Lesotho

The Republic of Malawi

The Republic of Mauritius

The Republic of Mozambique

The Republic of Namibia

The Republic of Seychelles

The Republic of South Africa

The United Republic of Tanzania

The Republic of Zambia

The Republic of Zimbabwe

RECOGNISING that the objectives of the Southern African Development Community are, inter alia, to:

- (a) promote sustainable and equitable economic growth and socio-economic development that will ensure poverty alleviation with the ultimate objective of its eradication, enhance the standard and quality of life of the people of Southern Africa and support the socially disadvantaged through regional integration;
- (b) achieve complementarity between national and regional strategies and programmes;
- (c) promote and maximize productive employment and utilization of resources of the Region;
- (d) combat HIV/AIDS or other deadly communicable diseases; and

(e) ensure that poverty eradication is addressed in all SADC activities and programmes;

CONCERNED that malaria continues to have a detrimental effect on education, labour and employment, economic growth and development in the SADC Region and that the Region's critical sectors will continue to be at a disadvantage as long as they are affected by malaria;

RECOGNISING that achieving the commitments made by SADC Member States in the Abuja Declaration 2001, the African Union (AU) Africa Malaria Elimination Campaign, the SADC Malaria Strategic Framework, 2007 and the SADC Malaria Elimination Framework, 2007 will require significant effort, commitment, and resources;

REAFFIRMING that malaria elimination is a top priority on the SADC Agenda and that, as SADC's first health subsidiary and SADC's platform for malaria elimination, the Elimination 8 Regional Initiative continues to successfully fill its mandate to increase cooperation among Member States on malaria elimination;

CONCERNED that future malaria outbreaks will reverse the gains made in the last fifteen years, may cause costly resurgences, and will lead to further delays in development and economic growth;

DEEPLY CONCERNED that the longer the Region waits to eliminate malaria, the greater the risk of resistance to insecticides and other key prevention and treatment tools, making future malaria elimination more challenging without new tools;

AWARE of the role and leadership of the governments of the Member States in further preventing the spread of malaria and other infectious diseases;

CONVINCED that a joint concerted effort by Member States and relevant Stakeholders is necessary to urgently eliminate malaria;

WE THEREFORE:

1. **REAFFIRM** our commitment to the elimination of malaria in the Region in accordance with the provisions of the SADC Health Protocol and the SADC Malaria Elimination Framework;
2. **COMMIT** to eliminating malaria in Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, and Swaziland by 2020, and in the whole SADC Region by 2030, resulting in zero local malaria cases and deaths;
3. **DECLARE** the following priority actions requiring our urgent attention:

A. Firmly placing regional malaria elimination on the agenda of all Member States by:

- i. Developing a roadmap that outlines priority measures and paves the way for successful elimination in the Region;
- ii. Ensuring the establishment of national malaria elimination taskforces in Member States to advance the elimination agenda, ensure alignment with the regional roadmap, fortify cross-sector engagement, and promote effective implementation of national malaria elimination strategic plans;
- iii. Intensifying cross-border collaborations between Member States to address border areas where malaria transmission persists;
- iv. Recommitting to share routine data to ensure rapid national and regional responses to malaria outbreaks; and
- v. Demonstrating that with financial and political determination, a malaria-free future is possible and contributes to the fight against the spread of infectious diseases;

B. Intensifying resource mobilization by:

Committing additional domestic financing for malaria elimination to ensure malaria programmes are adequately funded and national targets are met;

C. Promoting a supportive policy and legislative environment for malaria elimination by:

- i. Harmonizing policies that address key barriers and maximize resources devoted to malaria prevention and treatment in Member States; and

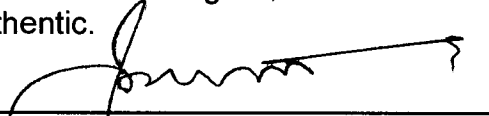
- ii. Strengthening program implementation by coordinating and sharing successful approaches and strategies across the Region;

D. Reinforcing accountability among Member States to accelerate and achieve regional malaria elimination by:

- i. Annually reviewing progress on the implementation of the malaria elimination roadmap during the SADC Heads of State or Government Summit to ensure progress is on pace to achieve elimination targets; and
 - ii. Promoting the leadership of the SADC Region in demonstrating that malaria elimination is a possible and worthy goal in Africa;
4. **URGE the Member States**, through the SADC Ministers responsible for health, finance, labour, migration, and local government, to initiate the implementation of this Declaration and monitor progress accordingly in order to achieve its intended objectives;
5. **ENCOURAGE** all stakeholders including the civil society organizations and the private sector to facilitate the implementation of the Declaration under the guidance of the SADC Ministers responsible for health; and
6. **UNDERTAKE** to review and monitor progress on the implementation of this Declaration at the Heads of State or Government Summit meetings through the SADC Ministers responsible for health.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the Heads of State or Government, or our duly authorized representatives have signed this Declaration.

DONE at Windhoek, Namibia on this 18th day of August 2018, in three original copies in the English, French and Portuguese Languages, all texts being equally authentic.




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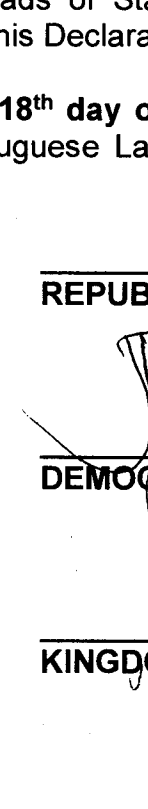
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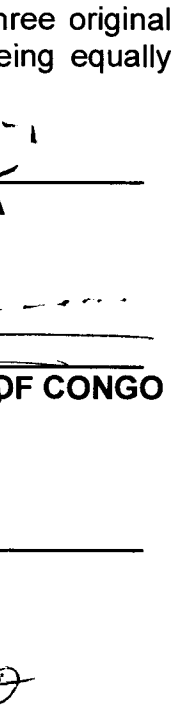
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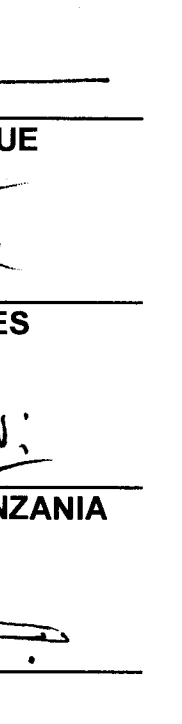
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