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ZIMBABWE ELECTIONS ROADMAP WITH TIMELINES

1. Introduction

At the Extraordinary SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government held at Sandton, Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa on 11th and 12th July, 2011, the SADC Facilitator on Zimbabwe, His Excellency, Jacob G. Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa, tabled a report on the progress made in the implementation of the Global Political Agreement (GPA) in Zimbabwe. Attached to the SADC Facilitator's Report was the document titled ***Roadmap to Zimbabwe's Elections*** concluded and signed by the negotiators at Harare on the 22nd April, 2011. The ***Roadmap to Zimbabwe's Elections*** identified and defined milestones and signposts that must be executed and implemented before the next Harmonised Elections.

2. The Extraordinary SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government noted the SADC Facilitator's Report and resolved, among other things, that the parties, signatories to the GPA, should, as a matter of urgency, draw up the timelines for the implementation of the Roadmap as part of the programme going forward.
3. Pursuant to the resolution of the Extraordinary Summit as aforesaid, the Parties' negotiators comprising Nicholas Goche and Patrick Chinamasa of ZANU-PF, Priscilla Misihairabwi-Mushonga and Moses Mzila-Ndlovu of MDC and Tendai Biti and Elton Mangoma of MDC-T met in Harare on the 4th July and 6th July, 2011 and drew up the timelines for the implementation of the Roadmap as illustrated below in the ***Timeframe Column***.
4. The activities shaded represent and remain areas of deadlock among the Political Parties

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ISSUE	ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	ACTION BY
A SANCTIONS	i Lobby for the removal of sanctions	Immediate	i Re-engagement Committee
	ii Re-engagement Committee to be activated	Immediate	
	iii SADC to implement its numerous resolutions on Zimbabwean sanctions, in particular the resolution from the SADC summit held in Windhoek in August 2010	To be determined by SADC	ii SADC
B CONSTITUTION	i Thematic Committees	As determined by COPAC	i COPAC
	ii Drafting		ii Political Parties
	iii Second all-stakeholder Conference		iii Stakeholders
	iv Parliament		iv Parliament
	v Referendum		v ZEC
	vi Parliament	Within 60 days from date of Referendum	
	vii Presidential Assent		

ISSUE	ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	ACTION BY
C MEDIA REFORM	i Appointment of new board of the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation	Consideration of these items was deferred	i Political parties ii Government iii Media Commission iv Principals (defined to mean, whenever it appears in this document, Presidents of Political Parties) v Government
	ii Appointment of a new board for the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe		
	iii Licensing of new broadcasters	Within 120 days from 1/8/2011	
	iv Appointment of new Trustees for the Mass Media Trust	Consideration of this item was deferred	
	v Establish the Media Council of Zimbabwe	Within 60 days from 1/8/2011	
	vi Call upon the governments that are hosting and/or funding external radio stations broadcasting into Zimbabwe to cease such hosting and funding	Immediate	
	vii Encourage Zimbabweans running or working for external radio stations broadcasting into Zimbabwe to return to Zimbabwe	Immediate	
	viii Hate Speech To direct the state media to support all agreed government programmes and put a stop to attacks against ministers implementing such programmes	Immediate	

ISSUE	ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	ACTION BY
D ELECTORAL REFORM	i Enactment of agreed electoral amendments	Within 45 days from 6/7/2011	i. Principals
	ii Voter education	30 days' duration	ii. ZEC
	iii Mobilisation for voter registration	60 days' duration	iii. Registrar-General
	iv Voter Registration	60 days' duration	iv. Political parties
	v Preparation of new Voters Roll	60 days' duration	v. Stakeholders
	vi Inspection of Voters Roll	45 days' duration	vi. Citizens
	vii Clean up Voters Roll and produce Final Voters Roll	45 days' duration	vii. Parliament
	viii The Staffing of ZEC a The staff of ZEC to be recruited afresh by the new Commission (MDC T) b Ensure non-partisanship and transparency in the recruitment of ZEC staff (MDC N) c There should be no changes of ZEC staff. Determination of the suitability is the responsibility of the Commission (Zanu PF).		viii. The media

ISSUE	ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	ACTION BY
E RULE OF LAW	i Consistent with the Principals' agreement of 8th June 2010, there is a reaffirmation by all the parties to their commitment under articles 11 and 13 of the GPA. There will be meetings of the Principals with the Attorney-General, Commissioner-General of the Police, Heads of the other security and intelligence institutions to ensure full commitment to operate in a non-partisan manner consistent with the GPA	To be determined by the Principals	i Principals
	ii Public Statement a Instruct the security forces to issue a public statement that they will unequivocally uphold the Constitution and respect the rule of law in the lead up to and following any election or referendum (MDC formations) b This is not an election matter. Political parties have no right to direct uniformed forces to issue political statements (Zanu PF)		

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	<p>iii Violence</p> <p>a End military and police abuse of the rule of law and end all state-sponsored/sanctioned violence (MDC formations)</p> <p>b We have no knowledge of abuse and state sponsored/sanctioned violence and we invite such evidence to be made available (Zanu PF)</p>		
	<p>iv Deployment</p> <p>a There should be demilitarisation, soldiers and other security personnel have been unlawfully deployed in the country and should thus be sent back to the barracks (MDC T)</p> <p>b Redeployment of military personnel to barracks (MDC N)</p> <p>c We deny that there are serving members of the military doing political work and we invite evidence to be made available. We protest to the use of the word “demilitarisation”. It is a war term that is not applicable even in the circumstances alleged by the MDC formations (Zanu PF)</p>		

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	<p>v The Intelligence</p> <p>a Enact an Act of Parliament regulating the operations of the CIO (MDC T)</p> <p>b This is an election issue as referred to and covered under article XIII(i) of the GPA which reads as follows “<i>state organs and institutions do not belong to any Political Party and should be impartial in their duties</i>” (MDC N)</p> <p>c This issue is neither a GPA one nor an election issue and is being raised as an attack on the institution. The issue falls to be resolved in the Constitution-making process (Zanu PF)</p>		
	<p>vi Put in place or enhance the mechanism and framework to ensure accountability of the Police Commission and the Public Service Commission and compliance with Article XIII (1) of the GPA</p>	<p>To be determined by the Principals</p>	

ISSUE	ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	ACTION BY
F FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY	i a. Meeting of the Principals with the Commissioner-General of Police	To be determined by the Principals	i Political parties
	b. Meeting of negotiators with the Commissioner-General of Police	Within 30 days from 6th July, 2011	
	ii POSA a Amend POSA so as to tighten it against discretion and abuse and to bring it in line with commitments within the GPA and the Constitution (MDC T) b Review POSA in light of the current abuse by the Police (MDC N) c We need to know the nature of the proposed amendments before we comment. The current POSA was amended in 2007 by all political parties through negotiation and provides a sound legal framework for regulating meetings and assemblies (Zanu PF)		

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G LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND COMMITMENTS	i Realign Zimbabwe's laws with the new Constitution and also address transitional arrangements	Within 60 days from Referendum	i Parliament, ii Principals, iii Negotiators
	ii Enact the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission Bill	Within 45 days from 6/7/2011	
	iii Amend Section 121 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act to confine the same to specific prescribed offences	Agree Amendments within 60 days from 6/7/2011	
	iv Enact agreed amendments to the Electoral Act	Within 45 days from 6/7/2011	
	v Appoint the Zimbabwe Anti-corruption Commission	Within 30 days from 6/7/2011	

ISSUE	ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	ACTION BY
H ACTUAL ELECTION	i. Delimitation of constituencies	In terms of the Constitution	
	ii. Gazetting of the Specific Polling Centres falling within specific Constituencies		
	iii. Presidential proclamation in consultation with the Prime Minister		
	iv. Activation of liaison committees particularly at local level		
	v. Nomination of candidates		
	vi. Printing of ballot papers		
	vii. Polling		
	viii. Announcement of election results		

ISSUE	ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	ACTION BY
	<p>ix. Monitors</p> <p>a Presence of SADC and other African monitors 6 months prior to and 6 months after the elections (MDC T)</p> <p>b Implement SADC Organ Troika's Resolutions made in Livingstone on the 31st March 2011 in respect of which three SADC appointed officers are to be deployed in Zimbabwe to work with JOMIC (MDC N)</p> <p>c Observation of elections must only be in accordance with the agreed amendments to the Electoral 'Act (Zanu PF)</p>		

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