

## **FINAL COMMUNIQUE**

At the invitation of His Excellency Joseph Kabila KABANGE, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, His Excellency Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa and the Chair of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security paid a working visit to Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of Congo on Saturday, 12 November 2011.

On this occasion, the two Heads of State reviewed the state of bilateral relations between the two countries as well as other regional and international issues of mutual interest.

They also took this occasion to assess the electoral process in the Democratic Republic of Congo and expressed their satisfaction with the process. In this regard, His Excellency President Jacob Zuma, in His capacity as the Chair of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security made a special appeal to all the Congolese political parties to conduct themselves in a manner conducive to the holding of peaceful elections.

The two Heads of State expressed satisfaction with the excellent bilateral relations that exist between the two Countries and re-affirmed their commitment to working together to consolidate these relations.

In the spirit of enhancing bilateral relations, a Memorandum of Understanding on the Grand Inga Hydro-electric Power Project was signed with a view to contribute to alleviating energy deficit facing the two countries and the region.

His Excellency President Jacob Zuma thanked his Host for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to him and his delegation.

***Done at Lubumbashi on 12 November 2011***

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