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Statement on the Provincial Assembly of Maputo (Mozambique) official visit to Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature, South Africa.

The Chair of Chairs in the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature, Mr SPD Skhosana ka Mahlangu and the President of the Provincial Assembly of Maputo (Mozambique), Mr Joao Matola agreed to the signing of a memorandum of cooperation in a meeting held at the Legislature today, 21 November 2018. The two days official visit by the Provincial Assembly of Maputo led by its President was started with a courtesy visit to Speaker of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature, Ms VS Siwela on Tuesday 20 November 2018.

“This visit is a symbol of both our countries’ historic relations, emanating from the support provided by the people of Mozambique to many of our political leaders during the years of struggle against apartheid”, said Deputy Speaker Bonakele Majuba who on behalf of Speaker Siwela welcomed the delegation from the **Provincial Assembly of Maputo (Mozambique)** led by Mr Joao Matola, President of the Provincial Assembly of Maputo during their courtesy call to the Speaker of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature, on an official visit to South Africa”.

The visit takes place within the context of strengthening strategic and historic political, social and international cooperation between the Provincial Assembly of Maputo (Mozambique) and the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature (South Africa). During this visit, the delegation also had an opportunity to attend the sitting of the Legislature whereby the MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism tabled the Adjustment Appropriation speech.

“As our country is embarking on centenary celebrations of our struggle icons Tata Nelson Mandela and Mama Albertina Sisulu, we are reminded of amongst many others, the great freedom fighters from Mozambique like the late Mr Samora Machel. The sacrifices they made forever remains in our memories. We must therefore collectively find solutions as we build the Africa agenda 2023, towards the Africa that is rooted in Pan Africanism. Our people believe in an activist system of parliament that will work towards the complete dismantling of the colonial system, concluded the Deputy Speaker and wished the delegation fruitful deliberations”.

“I would like to commend South Africa for the commemoration of the struggle icons as it is important for a country to look back to the past in order to build the present and the future. As the Provincial Assembly of Mozambique, all that we do as our greatest responsibility is for the satisfaction of the people of Maputo”, said Mr Joao Matola as he appreciated the warm welcome by the Deputy Speaker of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature. He went on to indicate their hope of learning more from the Mpumalanga Legislature’s experience.

“A man who thinks that he knows it all is only lying to himself, because we learn until the end of our lives”, concluded Mr Matola as he also extended the words of gratitude from the Provincial Assembly of Maputo to the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature.

The programme of the official visit concluded with the meeting of the Chairpersons of Committees led by the Chair of Chairs, Mr SPD Skhosana ka Mahlangu. This is a meeting in which an agreement of the signing of the memorandum of cooperation between the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature and the Provincial Assembly of Maputo was confirmed.

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