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MEDIA STATEMENT ON THE PROCLAMATION OF THE NEW CAR PRESIDENT

After having fulfilled its key mission of organizing free, fair, transparent and peaceful elections, the interim Government in the Central African Republic since 20 January 2014 and led by President Catherine Samba-Panza will end on 31 March 2016. Despite difficult circumstances, interim authorities organized successfully the referendum on a new Constitution on 13 December 2015, legislative and presidential elections on 30 December 2015, and the runoff of the presidential elections on 14 February 2016.

The process of the presidential elections has been finalized with the proclamation of Mr Faustin Archange Touadera on 1 March 2016 by the Constitutional Court as the New President of the Central African Republic. The Constitutional Court will announce the final results of the legislative elections on 11 March 2016. The inauguration of the newly elected President will take place on 30 March 2016. This date will correspond to the end of the mandate given to the Interim President Catherine Samba-Panza, and will open a new era for the Central African Republic.

It must be highlighted that the elections took place in calm, serenity and transparency and can be considered as the most democratic elections of the history of the Central African Republic. The contender of Mr Touadera, Anicet George Dologuele, demonstrated a great sense of patriotism by congratulating the new elected President immediately after the announcement of the results by the Elections Authority.

However, the people of the Central African Republic are the ones to be particularly commended for their dignity, as well as the Interim regime which succeeded in conducting the electoral process and in making sure that the rules of the democratic game were respected, thus allowing CAR to commence a new chapter of its history, which will hopefully lead to the consolidation of peace and democracy, and to the reconstruction of the country. The people of the Central African Republic count on the support of the international community, and especially on his African brothers and sisters to walk by his side on the path to peace and economic reconstruction.

On behalf of the Government and the People of the Central African Republic, the Embassy of the Central African Republic in Pretoria, would like to express its gratitude to the Government of the Republic of South Africa, and to all those who never ceased to support the Central African Republic during these trying times and who assisted us to achieve a successful electoral process.

