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Objectives, Policy and Guidelines**

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**Summary:**

Description of policies that South Africa will pursue in Southern Africa, including in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia.

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The Republic of South Africa (RSA) Gov.'s security objective with regard to Southern Africa, which includes Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, is to assist in protecting the national security of the various states against aggression, in whichever form, by united action of the Southern African Constellation of States through the implementation of a total national strategy.

13. To realize this security objective in practice, the RSA Gov. has inter alia, accepted the following security policy:

a. To consider applications for support from governments of Southern African states in order to oppose communist aggression.

b. To assist, at the request of governments of Southern Africa, with the establishment, build-up and maintenance of stable, effective security forces, for the protection of territorial areas, maintenance of law and order and the assurance of their independence.

c. To ensure, through pro-active action outside the territorial area of the RSA, the safety of the constellation and to oppose any aggression against members of the Southern African Constellation of States.

14. The implementation of the RSA Gov.'s security objectives, within the specified security policy assumes that the RSA and ZR continually remain in close contact in order to ensure that their objectives, policy and strategies, especially in respect of Southern Africa, are pursued.