

**MESSAGE OF PEACE FROM THE PEOPLE AND
GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE**

From us the people of Zimbabwe, people of the Great House of Stone, to you the great and fraternal people of Tanzania, you the cradle of Africa's liberation struggles, we bring felicitations of love and great peace.

We bring back the profound love you showed and shared with us during our hour of greatest need, the same love which breeds and yields today's abundant peace that prevails throughout our collective Community. Only yesterday, victims of Africa's colonial past sought and found refuge in Dar es Salaam, this great haven of peace. Only yesterday, Africa's oppressed children came to this great land to learn the art of fighting for the freedom that made peace. Yesterday's sword of anti-colonial struggles is today's ploughshare of peace and development. In the words of one of our foremost bards:

*"In our [SADC] land
Bullets are beginning to flower."*

Flower in our children born and grown to peace.

Flower in our mothers and fathers working the land – OUR LAND – with each kind season bringing bounty and infinite hope.

Flower by way of the guns that crack no more, guns that kill no more, making way for precious peace: in Angola, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo where the agony of yesterday's strife today breaks and blossoms into smiles for the durable peace that has come and is set to stay.

Yes, flower by way of the just social development we seek in SADC, just and balanced development which makes the people – OUR PEOPLE – come first, making them second to none. For such is what makes peace, builds perfect and permanent peace.

United in SADC, determined in SADC, we today hang on the dizzy heights of Mt. Kilimanjaro, proclaim from her lofty plinth, this our only message to the World:

TUNATAKA KUIISHI KWA AMANI.

We want to live in peace, we on, of, this Great Continent of Africa.

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