FORMER ACTING SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE, MR TSEPE MOTUMI IS THE NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY VETERANS

The Former Acting Secretary for Defence, Mr Tsepe Edwin Motumi has been appointed Director-General for the newly established Department of Military Veterans with effect from 24 February 2010.

Since joining the Department of Defence in 1996 Mr Motumi has served the department in various capacities, including that of Director of Human Resources Policy, Chief Director Defence Policy, Chief of Policy and Planning (Deputy Director-General), Chief Defence International Affairs (Deputy Director-General) and Acting Secretary for Defence from August 2008 to 23 February 2010.

A struggle veteran against apartheid and for the liberation of South Africa since the late 1970s, Mr Motumi during 1985-1990 served in various positions as a full functionary of the African National Congress (ANC) and Umkhonto weSizwe (MK). In amongst others, he served as a unit commander, commissar (politics instructor), and head of administration in the Chief Representative’s office (headed by the late Uriel Mokeba) in Luanda, Angola. He was also a member of the regional propaganda and information machinery (Angola).

During the negotiations for a Democratic South Africa, Mr Motumi was part of a Sub-Council on Defence of the Transitional Executive Council. These councils operated with the Joint Military Coordinating Committee which led to the formation of a new Ministry of Defence and an integrated South African National Defence Force.

Mr Motumi has also represented South Africa at the Geneva Based Centre for Democratic Control of the Armed Forces and its International Advisory Board.

Mr Motumi has also concluded a number of courses, amongst them the Senior International Defence Management Course at United States Naval Post Graduate School, Inaugural Africa Centre for Strategic Studies.

He also lectures part time at the University of Witwatersrand’s Public and Development Management School. Mr Motumi has authored a number of publications.

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