

20100502 Newspaper: Al-Ahram semi-official daily – Tone: Positive **In the Countdown to Blowing the Whistle to kick start FIFA 2010: South Africa Is All Set to Host the World’s Premier Sporting Event-** Marwa Tawfik reporting- The South African Embassy in Cairo has celebrated the 16th Freedom Day which marks the end of apartheid South Africa. The celebration this year took on special significance with the countdown to the FIFA 2010 World Cup which will be played out in South Africa from 11 June to 11 July 2010.

Charge D’affaires of the South African Embassy in Cairo Ms.Selaelo Ramokgopa affirmed that her country has finalized all necessary preparations to host the tournament which will take place on 10 world-class stadiums that are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities to showcase the potential of South Africa to choreograph the world’s premier sporting event. She added that South Africa is ready to receive millions of tourists to get them acquainted with the diverse and rich cultural heritage of the South African people and to show the world the bright side of Africa.

Ambassador of Zimbabwe and Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps Dr. **Aaron** Ncube Maboyi said that “The interplay between democracy, peace, economic development and political dynamics that are taking place in South Africa currently are the end-product of the sacrifices made by the people of South Africa to earn their freedom for which they have paid a dear price. Anyone who looks at South Africa today will immediately realize that it has moved from being the Rainbow Nation to the Miracle Nation”, mentioned Ambassador Ncube. The celebration was attended by a galaxy of African, Arab, European and Latin American diplomats alongside with travel agents and media personnel.

20100501 **South African Embassy in Cairo Celebrates Freedom Day-** *Warda el-Husseini reporting-* Tone: Positive- The South African Embassy in Cairo hosted a reception on the occasion of the 16th Freedom Day, which coincided with the countdown to the FIFA 2010 World Cup that will be held in South Africa from 11 June to 11 July 2010. The high-profile event was attended by a galaxy of diplomats, representatives of travel agents, media reporters and businessmen.

20100501 **Gift from South Africa to Sharm el-Sheikh-** Tone: Positive -*Warda el-Husseini reporting* The direct contacts between Egyptian governorates and South African provinces will take priority in bilateral relations between Egypt and South Africa in the days to come especially when such contacts are likely to give a significant momentum to bilateral cooperation, according to outgoing South African Ambassador to Cairo HE Sonto Kudjoe, who was speaking before her departure of Cairo after having completed her tenure as Ambassador of South Africa to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The South African Ambassador added that the Governor of Alexandria Major General Adel Labib will visit South Africa shortly as part of the twin-ship agreement between Alexandria and the South African city of Durban. She also mentioned that there is encouraging cooperation between the Egyptian Governorate of Ismailia and the South African province of Mpumalanga. Ambassador Sonto revealed that North-West provincial premier **Maureen** Modiselle, will visit the Governorate of Kafr el-Sheikh where she is expected to give a number of animals to the Governorate’s provincial zoo park, adding that the two sides will also mull over the exchange of expertise in the area of fisheries. The South African Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry will visit Egypt soon leading a business delegation to boost trade cooperation with Egypt, concluded Ambassador Sonto