



**REPOBLIKAN'i MADAGASIKARA**

*Sanindrazana - Fahafahana - Fandrosoana*

**PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC**

*The President*

**Message from President Marc Ravalomanana  
to the SADC Troika**

September 12, 2012

Excellencies,

I am obliged to share with you a recent event that, in my respectful view, both undermines the implementation of the amended Roadmap and is specifically designed to stop my return to Madagascar as resolved by SADC at its summit in Maputo on August 17-18, 2012.

I attach for your information an affidavit filed at court by Attorney David Erleigh on September 7, 2012. I am not going to repeat the allegations set out in that affidavit. All I wish to say is that the allegations are scandalous, defamatory and devoid of all truth.

The affidavit contains an allegation that I, whilst residing in South Africa, have committed a serious offence of conspiracy, incitement or attempt to commit murder by instructing agents in Madagascar to assassinate Mr. Rajoelina and other high-ranking Malagasy officials.

In my absence, and without giving notice to me, the attorney, allegedly representing eight Malagasy citizens, obtained a court order which is tantamount to house arrest. It requires the confiscation of my passport and restriction of movement within Pretoria only.

Implications are, on a personal level, that I may not even visit my family in Johannesburg, and with regard to my participation in SADC mediation process, I will henceforth be excluded.

I have instructed my legal advisor, Mr. Currin, to immediately approach the court to overturn the court order. This may take time but we are dealing with it urgently. We will provide you with a copy of my affidavit in response.

I request the SADC Troika to take appropriate steps to ensure implementation of both the amended Roadmap and the Maputo summit resolution on August 18, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Ravalomanana', written over a horizontal line.

**Marc RAVALOMANANA**