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democracy, peace and security. In this regard, Summit noted the peaceful and orderly manner in which the people of Botswana, Mauritius, Mozambique and Namibia exercised their democratic rights as they voted in the presidential and parliamentary elections held in their respective countries. Summit noted that these electoral processes were regarded as free, fair, transparent and credible.

15. Summit noted the efforts being made in the search for sustainable political solutions in the Kingdom of Lesotho, Republic of Madagascar and the Republic of Zimbabwe.
16. On the Kingdom of Lesotho, Summit commended the stakeholders for their commitment to the post-electoral dialogue, the role of the Christian Council of Lesotho and SADC Facilitation Team in mediating the Lesotho post election dialogue. Summit also urged the Lesotho stakeholders to work together towards the finalisation of the Bill Amending the Electoral Law as a matter of urgency.
17. On Madagascar, Summit commended His Excellency President Chissano, SADC Mediator in the Madagascar dialogue, for his efforts of restoring constitutional normalcy in the country. Summit approved the following:
 - SADC, the African Union and the wider international community should lend their political, technical, material and financial support to the process of Malgacho-Malgache dialogue;
 - the SADC Mediator should continue to follow the situation closely, avail his support and facilitation to the Malagasy as appropriate, and report regularly to SADC and AU on developments in Madagascar;

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- the need for the dialogue process to observe the key principles of neutrality, consensus, credibility and inclusiveness;
- establishment of a SADC liason office in Madagascar in order to support the dialogue process in the country; and
- continuation of the sanctions on the Republic of Madagascar until the country returns to constitutional nolmacy.

18. On Zimbabwe, Summit:

- commended His Excellency Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa and Facilitator of the Zimbabwe Political Dialogue for facilitating the implementation of the Global Political Agreement (GPA).
- Commended the Zimbabwe stakeholders for their efforts towards implementation of the GPA;
- Urged the Zimbabwe stakeholders to remain committed to the implementation of the GPA;
- reiterated its call on the international community to lift all forms of sanctions imposed on Zimbabwe in view of the negative effects they have on Zimbabwe and the SADC region in general; and
- mandated the Chairperson of SADC assisted by the Chairperson of the Organ and the Facilitator of the Zimbabwe Political Dialogue to engage the international community on the issue of sanctions on Zimbabwe.

19. Summit noted the economic and security threat posed by piracy in the coastal waters of SADC Member States, especially Seychelles, Mauritius