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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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PQ 98. Mr R Smith (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

What were the reasons for the withdrawal of naval vessels belonging to the Islamic Republic of Iran from the waters of the Republic as part of Exercise Will for Peace?
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REPLY

The withdrawal of naval vessels belonging to the Islamic Republic of Iran from the waters of the Republic as part of Exercise Will for Peace was an instruction from the President following discussions with the Ministers of Defence and DIRCO. An enquiry is under way to ascertain why the instruction from the President was not implemented.