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FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the Charter of the United Nations stipulates in its preamble that the maintenance of international peace and security is one of its goals, and indicates, in Chapter VIII, the important role of regional arrangements for the attainment of this goal;

WHEREAS the Treaty of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) notes that the consolidation, defense and maintenance of democracy, peace, security and stability is one of the objectives of this sub-regional body; and further provides, in its Chapter 8, Article 24 (1), that SADC shall seek to, subject to the provisions of Article 6 (1), maintain good working relations and other forms of cooperation, and may enter into agreements with other states, regional and international organizations, whose objectives are compatible with the objectives of SADC and the provisions of [this Treaty];

WHEREAS Article 2 of the Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation indicates, *inter alia*, that while the general objective of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation shall be to promote peace and security in the region, one of its specific objectives shall be to prevent, contain and resolve inter and intra state conflict by peaceful means;

WHEREAS the United Nations and SADC are eager to strengthen their cooperation in the area of conflict prevention, management and resolution, with the aim of helping SADC further build its capacity in this area, and jointly contribute to the promotion and consolidation of peace and security in the Southern Africa sub-region;

RECALLING the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/2010/1) issued by the Security Council, commending the ongoing efforts and contributions made by the United Nations Secretariat to consolidating partnerships with regional and sub-regional organizations;

RECALLING General Assembly resolution 61/51 of 4 December 2006 whereby the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General in consultation with the Executive Secretary of SADC to enhance contacts aimed at promoting and harmonizing further cooperation between the United Nations and SADC.

NOTING that SADC and the United Nations are guided by a common interest in maintaining peace and security in Southern Africa,

NOW THEREFORE, the United Nations, as represented by the United Nations Department of Political Affairs (“DPA”) and the SADC Secretariat hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I – OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Framework for Cooperation is to strengthen cooperation between SADC and DPA in the area of conflict prevention, management and resolution, helping both Parties to further build their respective capacities in this area, and to jointly contribute to the promotion and consolidation of peace and security in the Southern Africa sub-region.

ARTICLE II – AREAS OF ACTIVITIES

SADC and DPA shall identify and develop joint projects and programmes in the following areas:

Mediation

1. Support each other’s mediation efforts, including through the exchange of experiences, provision of training and support in mediation exercises.
2. Support the SADC Secretariat in the establishment of the SADC Mediation Unit.

Lessons Learned

3. Capture the SADC Secretariat’s knowledge and understanding of the region, as well as success stories, and develop recommendations to improve future mediation and preventive diplomacy efforts.
4. Share DPA’s experience in mediation, peace-making and peacebuilding support.

Electoral Assistance

5. Given the important relationship between elections and peace, DPA shall support the strengthening of the SADC electoral capacity, especially through the establishment of the SADC Electoral Assistance Unit.
6. The activities mentioned in the areas above shall be outlined in a Joint Work Plan to be agreed between DPA and the SADC Secretariat.