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**South Africa
and
Lesotho**

Memorandum of understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho on cooperation in the field of agriculture. Maseru, 5 July 2007

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[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter referred to as “South Africa”) and the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho (hereinafter referred to as “Lesotho” and jointly referred to as the “Parties” and in the singular as a “Party”);

HAVING declared their intention to co-operate in the agrarian field in accordance with the objectives of the Joint Bilateral Commission of Cooperation (JBCC) signed in 2001 between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Kingdom of Lesotho;

TAKING into consideration that it is in the interest of the Parties to maintain and strengthen their relations in the field of agriculture and livestock;

AWARE of the need to cooperate and promote special bilateral co-operation plans, with the aim of strengthening and consolidating bilateral relations, in the field of agriculture between the Parties;

RECOGNISING the necessity of developing the human resources of the two countries, with a view to supporting the joint effort in the development of agriculture and livestock;

CONSCIOUS that the support of agricultural development in the two countries could potentiate the process of institutional co-operation between entities of the public sectors that embrace and foster the agriculture and livestock sectors;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

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ARTICLE 1

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to co-operate and promote special bilateral co-operation plan, with the aim of strengthening and consolidating bilateral relations, in the field of Agriculture between the Parties.

ARTICLE 2

Competent authorities

For the purpose of implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the competent authorities shall be -

- (a) in respect of Lesotho, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security; and
- (b) in respect of South Africa, the Department of Agriculture.

ARTICLE 3

Scope of application

The competent authorities shall facilitate the necessary support and facilities to implement the joint development agrarian programmes, taking into consideration the potential of both countries and that of the Southern Africa region.

ARTICLE 4

Areas of co-operation

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish joint developmental agrarian programmes (hereinafter referred to as "the joint programmes"), without prejudicing other fields of co-operation that may be considered in the future, including -

- (a) animal health and production;
- (b) plant health and production;
- (c) strengthened border control and inspections (control on abattoirs -public health and stock theft);
- (d) research collaboration – food safety and aspects of agricultural products especially the nutritional aspects of indigenous food;
- (e) expanding and strengthening capacity building on animal and plant health (Sanitary and Phytosanitary) matters;
- (f) increased exchange of information on New Economic Partnership for Africa's Development and within Southern African Development Community;

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