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**South Africa
and
Benin**

**Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa
and the Government of the Republic of Benin. Pretoria, 29 October 2003**

Entry into force: *29 October 2003 by signature, in accordance with article 7*

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et
Bénin**

**Accord de coopération entre le Gouvernement de la République d'Afrique du Sud
et le Gouvernement de la République du Bénin. Pretoria, 29 octobre 2003**

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[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]



COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Benin, (here in after jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as "a Party");

WISHING to promote the relations of friendship, brotherhood and cooperation between their two countries on the basis of the principles contained in the United Nations Charter and the acknowledged international standards;

PROMPTED by the common will to contribute to the development of their economies through cooperation between the two countries:

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

- (1) The implementing agencies of this Agreement shall be:
- (a) on behalf the Republic of Benin, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and African Integration, and;
 - (b) on behalf of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Foreign Affairs.
- (2) The senior officials of the respective implementing agencies shall hold regular consultations on issues of common interest relating to their bilateral relations as well on international issues.
- (3) These consultations may cover, but will not be restricted to:

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- (a) issues relating to the organisation and consolidation of bilateral cooperation in the political field;
- (b) issues on the agendas of international organisations of which the two (2) countries are members.

ARTICLE 2

- (1) Consultations between officials and experts of the Parties shall take place alternately in South Africa and in Benin, as may be required.
- (2) Special consultations may be held at any time if so requested by either Party, or at international organisations.
- (3) Each Party shall be responsible for all costs relating to its delegation attending the consultations.

ARTICLE 3

The diplomatic missions of the two Parties accredited to other countries, as well as their permanent missions to the United Nations and other international organisations, will intensify their contacts, and exchanges of views on the subjects mentioned in Article 1.

ARTICLE 4

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate cooperation between their research institutes which specifically deal with international relations.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties shall exchange publications and documentation relating to the manner in which their Ministries of Foreign Affairs is structured.

ARTICLE 6

The Parties shall make an assessment during their annual consultations of the implementation of this Agreement and agree on the cooperation programme for the following year.

ARTICLE 7

- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature hereof by the Parties.
- (2) This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of two years, whereafter it shall be renewed automatically for another period of two years unless terminated by either



Party giving three months written notice in advance through the diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation.

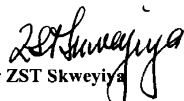
ARTICLE 9

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective governments, have signed and sealed this Agreement in duplicate in the French and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE AT Pretoria ON THIS 29 DAY OF October 2003.

For the Government of
the Republic of South Africa


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For the Government of
the Republic of Benin


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Minister of Foreign Affairs and
African Integration