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**South Africa  
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**Protocol for regular diplomatic consultation between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Gabon.  
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**Protocole pour une consultation diplomatique régulière entre le Gouvernement de la République d'Afrique du Sud et le Gouvernement de la République gabonaise.  
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**PROTOCOL FOR REGULAR DIPLOMATIC  
CONSULTATION**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF**

**THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE**

**REPUBLIC OF GABON**

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Gabon (hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties" and in the singular as "a Party");

**DESIRING** to develop and strengthen the traditional relations of friendship and mutually advantageous cooperation between the two countries and peoples;

**WORKING** jointly for the safeguarding of international peace and cooperation, as well as to propagate international cooperation and exchanges, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

**RECALLING** the General Co-operation Agreement between the Parties signed on 26 November 2003;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 1**

- (1) The Parties shall establish a mechanism for regular diplomatic consultations, whereby senior officials of the two Departments of Foreign Affairs shall meet once a year to hold consultations on bilateral relations, as well as regional and international issues of mutual interest.
- (2) Depending on the circumstances of the consultations, the Parties shall agree to the venue, time and agenda of the meeting, which shall be finalised, whenever possible, at least six (6) weeks prior to the meeting.

**ARTICLE 2**

The Parties shall establish and promote contact between their diplomatic and consular missions in third countries with a view to exchange ideas on matters of mutual interest.

**ARTICLE 3**

The Permanent Missions of both countries to the United Nations, the African Union and other international organisations, as well as their representatives attending international conferences, shall maintain regular contacts and shall, whenever necessary, consult each other on issues of mutual interest.

**ARTICLE 4**

- (1) The subject matters of the consultations referred to in Article 1 shall include, inter alia, the following:
  - (a) Issues concerning the strengthening of their bilateral cooperation;
  - (b) issues relating to security and cooperation in Africa; and
  - (c) other international issues of mutual interest.
- (2) Either Party may request, should the need arise, the holding of extraordinary meetings.

- (3) Each Party shall bear the costs of the attendance of its delegation attending the meeting. Where consultations are held in the country of one of the two Parties, the costs for the organisation of work shall be borne by the host Party. Where consultations are held in a third country, the sharing of the costs for the organisation of work shall be agreed to by the Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

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

#### **ARTICLE 6**

This Protocol may be amended in writing by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between them through the diplomatic channel.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of signature, and shall remain in force for a period of five years. It shall be automatically extended for five years. Either Party may terminate the Protocol, giving three months' written notice to the other Party through the diplomatic channel.