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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD

OF HEALTH MATTERS

PREAMBLE

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

WITH REFERENCE to the General Agreement on Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Burundi, signed at Cannes on 14 February 2007;

WILLING to contribute to, establish and develop a diversified relationship in the health field, in the spirit of solidarity and friendship between the two countries;

BEING AWARE of the importance of health development for the future of the countries of the Parties; and

ACKNOWLEDGING the mutual advantages that may result from this Agreement;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

In this Agreement, unless the context indicates otherwise –

“communicable disease” means a disease resulting from an infection due to pathogenic agent or toxins generated by it, following the direct or indirect transmission of the agent from the source to the host;

“health insurance” means a financial mechanism which involves risk pooling, cross subsidization and social solidarity for purposes of this Agreement;

"health professional" means a person who is registered with a statutory body and who has significant skill, experience or knowledge in a particular field or activity related to human health and is duly recognised as such by the national health authorities of the two Parties;

"health technology" includes devices, drugs, medical and surgical procedures and the knowledge associated with these, in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease, as well as in rehabilitation, including the organizational and supportive systems within which health care is provided;

"non-communicable disease" means a disease or health condition that cannot be contracted from another person, animal or directly from the environment;

"specialised health institutions" means high level institutions (public and parastatal) which focus on specialised educational, technological and service delivery areas;

"subsidiary agreement" means a Memorandum of Understanding or an exchange of correspondence between the Parties in respect of projects;

"telehealth" means the practice of medical care using audio, visual and data communication and this includes medical care delivery, diagnosis and treatment as well as education and the transfer of medical data;

"telemedicine" means the use of information and telecommunications technologies to provide medical information and services at a distance; and

"twinning between public institutions" means the pairing of public institutions, including hospitals with similar functions and areas of speciality in the two countries for purposes of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2
SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

The Parties shall promote, develop and increase cooperation in the field of health within their respective jurisdictions by exploring the possibilities for cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE 3
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be –

- (a) in the case of South Africa, the National Department of Health or otherwise represented by the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa in the Republic of Burundi; and
- (b) in the case of Burundi, the Ministry of Public Health and Fight against AIDS or otherwise represented by the Embassy of the Republic of Burundi in the Republic of South Africa.

ARTICLE 4
AREAS OF COOPERATION

Cooperation between the Parties shall take place in the following areas:

- (a) Technical, professional education and training of health professionals;
- (b) technical support to hospitals in the Republic of Burundi in the areas of management and health technology;
- (c) sharing experiences in creating conditions for telemedicine and telehealth;
- (d) twinning between public hospitals and public health institutions of the Parties;
- (e) research and development;
- (f) surveillance, control and management of communicable and non-communicable diseases;