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**South Africa  
and  
Swaziland**

**Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland on cooperation in the field of health. Pretoria, 10 May 2010**

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**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC**  
**OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM**  
**OF SWAZILAND**

**ON**

**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH**

**PREAMBLE**

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland, (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as “a Party”);

**WILLING** to contribute to establish and develop a diversified relationship in the field of health in the spirit of solidarity and friendship between the Parties;

**AWARE** of the importance of health development for the future of the Parties;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the mutual advantages that may result from this Agreement;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

### DEFINITIONS

In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise indicates –

**“health professional”** means a person who is registered as such with a statutory body and who has significant skill, experience or knowledge in a particular health field or activity;

**“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;

**“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 telecommunication technologies to provide medical information and services at a distance;

**“twinning”** 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 co-operation in the field of public health within their respective jurisdictions by exploring the possibilities for co-operation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, in accordance with the domestic law in force in their respective territories.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be –

- (a) in the case of the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare or otherwise represented by the High Commission of the Kingdom of Swaziland in South Africa; and
- (b) in the case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the National Department of Health or otherwise represented by the High Commission of the Republic of South Africa in the Kingdom of Swaziland.