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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

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

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
ZIMBABWE**

**ON COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE  
ON IMMIGRATION MATTERS**

## **PREAMBLE**

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

**CONSIDERING** that the Governments of both Parties have approached the topic of immigration at the highest level;

**BEARING IN MIND** the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of April 24, 1963, the Treaty establishing SADC of August 17, 1992, the United Nations Charter of June 26, 1945 and the Constitutive Act of the African Union of July, 2000;

**DESIRING** to establish a general framework of reference setting forth specific comprehensive and coordinated bilateral actions and transparent procedures concerning the cooperation and mutual assistance on immigration matters;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1 COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be-

- (a) in the case of the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe, the Ministry of Home Affairs; and
- (b) in the case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Home Affairs.

## **ARTICLE 2 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding are-

- (a) to facilitate the movement of persons between the territories of the Parties;
- (b) to cooperate in the fight against human trafficking, human smuggling and any other cross border crimes between the territories of the Parties;
- (c) to establish a framework for capacity building and training on immigration matters between the Parties;
- (d) to encourage cooperation and mutual assistance in the harmonisation of laws including, but not limited to, information technology systems, technical advice and assistance, consultancy and exchange of information;
- (e) to establish a One Stop Border Post; and
- (f) to cooperate on any other areas of mutual interest.

## **ARTICLE 3 PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION**

- (a) The terms and practical implementation of the mutual assistance and cooperation to be provided in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be contained in additional protocols to this Memorandum of Understanding which shall be concluded between the duly authorised Competent Authorities under their respective Ministries or Departments.
- (b) Should the need arise to regulate other specific areas of cooperation the Parties may enter into Agreements in this regard, which Agreements shall be reduced to writing.