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**South Africa  
and  
Angola**

**Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Angola on cooperation in the field of information and communication technologies. Pretoria, 14 December 2010**

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**Mémorandum d'accord entre le Gouvernement de la République sud-africaine et le Gouvernement de la République d'Angola relatif à la coopération dans le domaine des technologies de l'information et des communications. Pretoria, 14 décembre 2010**

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

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

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA**

**ON**

**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF  
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION  
TECHNOLOGIES**

## PREAMBLE

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

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the traditional good relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries and the bilateral Agreements regarding a Joint Commission of Cooperation, the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, Economic Cooperation, Scientific, Technical and Socio and Cultural Relations entered into between the Parties;

**CONSIDERING** that the development of information and telecommunications is a major factor in the promotion of trade and technical exchanges as well as the economic and social development of each country in the 21<sup>st</sup> century;

**RECOGNIZING** the importance of developments in the various areas of Information and Communication Technologies (“ICT’s”), to the benefit of both countries, especially in the conduct of international business;

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING** the necessity of mutual cooperation for the development of state-of-the-art communications services, the modernization of communications networks, the promotion and usage of ICT’s as a tool to broaden service delivery to communities, the exchange of information technology and for improving the quality and range of services for consumers and business;

**GUIDED** by the mutual benefit and interests of both Parties in encouraging and supporting strategic partnerships, commercial ventures, research and development in e-commerce, e-government, e-knowledge and Information Society & Development in ICT’s services;

**INTENDING** to promote reciprocal investment cooperation, technical development and the expansion of markets in the ICT’s sector; and

**DESIRING** to enhance cooperative relations in the international arena and in building the information society;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**  
**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to encourage and promote cooperation between the Parties in the field of ICT's, comprising telecommunications and postal services in accordance with the domestic law in force in the territory of each Party and on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

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

- (a) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Communications; and
- (b) in the case of the Republic of Angola, the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology;

**ARTICLE 3**  
**SCOPE OF COOPERATION**

(1) Cooperation between the Parties under this Memorandum of Understanding shall encourage a closer working relationship between technical institutions, government, regulatory, business, research, education and other organizations in the ICT's, telecommunications and postal administration.

(2) During the conduct of activities, under this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties may engage and coordinate with relevant government institutions within the scope of such activities.

(3) Given the rapid changes occurring in the various fields of ICT's, and postal administration, the Parties have identified the following areas of common interest for strategic cooperation:

- (a) Formulation and implementation of policies and regulation in the ICT's and postal fields;
- (b) Implementation of projects on infrastructure for regional and international interconnectivity;
- (c) the regular exchange of information and experiences on technological options especially related to the Next Generation Networks (NGN), Satellite and Space Applications, Broadcasting Digital Migration (BDM) and convergence of networks as well as signal distribution, and other services in general;
- (d) the management of radio frequency spectrum, including planning, coordination and monitoring thereof;

- (e) the implementation of e-education and e-health initiatives, particularly in the creation of the supportive means for the increase of sources and applications as well as the human language technologies for sustainability of such initiatives;
- (f) the promotion of joint initiatives on digital program developments and digital content related to local realities and languages, including processes of joint production and distribution;
- (g) the development of human skills and capacity building, both at institutional and technical levels within the area of ICT's and postal fields, comprising training initiatives;
- (h) the promotion of initiatives of joint investment and business partnerships with the private sector supportive to the development of the IT sector in both countries;
- (i) promotion of a sound equipment manufacturing industry in order to support the development of telecommunications infrastructure, ICT and postal services in both countries;
- (j) the drafting of policies for electronic governance and e-commerce and cyber security, so as to establish a sound framework conducive to an adequate and safe use of the internet;
- (k) the promotion of regular coordination on the strategies related to multilateral issues on the considered areas of this Memorandum of Understanding as well as other domains that the Parties might consider of mutual interest.

#### **ARTICLE 4 COOPERATION ACTIVITIES**

The Parties shall encourage cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding through—

- (a) cooperation initiatives in respect of policy, institutional, regulatory and operational levels aimed at the development of telecommunications, IT and postal services in both countries;
- (b) fostering of direct links between relevant government agencies, industrial organizations and the academic and professional sphere in order to promote and strengthen the level of cooperation in areas of interest as specified in Article 3;
- (c) promotion of cooperation in the domain of technologies related to broadband network infrastructures, and BDM, Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT), including the development of content applications and deployment of services;
- (d) promotion and exchange projects in support of research and development initiatives among relevant institutions in the areas specified in Article 3;