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AGREEMENT

ON

**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A PERMANENT JOINT COMMISSION
FOR COOPERATION**

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Ghana (herein after jointly referred to as the “Parties” and in the singular as “a Party”),

Desirous of promoting and reinforcing co-operation in all fields of relations based on the principles of mutual respect, equality and reciprocal advantages; and

Conscious of the advantages which such co-operation would bring to the Parties;

HEREBY AGREE on the following:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall establish a South Africa-Ghana Permanent Joint Commission for Co-operation to provide a framework for the implementation of other agreements between the two countries.

ARTICLE 2

The functions of the Commission shall be amongst others, to

- (a) recommend, promote and co-ordinate economic, social, cultural, scientific and technical co-operation;
- (b) elaborate and submit for the approval of the Parties proposals and agreements for reinforcing relations in the above mentioned areas;
- (c) study and make recommendations on specific projects with the aim of effectively executing this Agreement;
- (d) analyse the development of co-operation between their two countries and find solutions to problems which may arise; and
- (e) create, where necessary, conditions for the realisation of projects of co-operation.

ARTICLE 3

The Commission shall be composed of members of Government assisted by technical officials and shall be presided over by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ghana or any other designated Minister.

ARTICLE 4

- (1) The Commission shall meet on a two-yearly basis or at the request of any of the Parties, alternately in South Africa and in Ghana.
- (2) The date and agenda of the meetings shall be jointly determined according to proposals made by both Parties, through the diplomatic channel.
- (3) The Commission may establish, where necessary, ad-hoc committees or working groups to study particular political, economic, social, cultural, scientific and technical issues in depth.
- (4) The ad-hoc committees or working groups shall submit their reports and recommendations to the Commission during each session.

ARTICLE 5

- (1) The sessions of the Commission shall be co-chaired by the Ministers referred to in Article 3.
- (2) The rules of procedures of the sessions of the Commission shall be defined according to the Commission's internal regulations.
- (3) The party hosting a meeting shall be responsible for providing a venue and all secretarial services. The visiting Party shall be responsible for the costs of travel and accommodation and other incidental costs relating to the visit of its delegation.

ARTICLE 6

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by the Commission.