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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
FRANCE**

ON

**SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
COOPERATION**

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the French Republic, (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as a "Party");

CONSIDERING the Cooperation agreement in the Fields of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of 4 November 1994 between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of South Africa;

RECOGNISING the importance of scientific and technological research for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the protection of global public goods;

RECOGNISING the close and longstanding cooperation between France and South Africa;

DESIROUS of strengthening this cooperation between the two countries in science and technology for their mutual benefit;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Purpose of the Agreement

The Parties shall cooperate to develop their scientific and technological relations in equal partnership and to their mutual benefit.

ARTICLE 2

Objectives

The objectives of this Agreement shall be to -

- (1) develop information sharing about the Parties' policies with regard to research, technological development and innovation;

- (2) promote the emergence of scientific and technological research involving the Parties' scientific and industrial communities in areas of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 3

Modalities of Co-operation

In order to implement the objectives set out in Article 2, the Parties shall -

- (1) organise bilateral events bringing together experts from the Parties' academic, industrial and institutional circles to promote scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries;
- (2) initiate exploratory missions by researchers and experts to develop joint programmes, projects and activities;
- (3) undertake joint scientific and technological research programmes with emphasis on bilateral, regional and international networking in areas of mutual interest;
- (4) promote exchanges between scientists, including doctoral and post-doctoral students, technical personnel and experts as part of programmes and projects;
- (5) cooperate in respect of all other agreed programmes or actions and implement any other agreed cooperation modality.

As a rule, joint projects and programmes shall give rise to calls for proposals. Cooperation actions referred to in this Article are subject to the availability of funds of each Party.

ARTICLE 4

Exchange of Information

For the implementation of the actions contemplated in Article 3, the Parties shall -

- (1) share information about their policies and priorities with regard to research, scientific and technological development, and innovation;
- (2) promote the exchange of information, documents, books, journals and bibliographies between scientific libraries, scientific and technological information centres, and scientific institutions, especially through electronic information and communication networks;
- (3) organise seminars, conferences, colloquia, and bilateral, regional and international experts' meetings;

These exchanges are subject to the availability of funds of each Party.

ARTICLE 5

Competent Authorities

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

- (1) on behalf of the Government of the French Republic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs; and
- (2) on behalf of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Science and Technology.

ARTICLE 6

Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation

- (1) A Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, hereinafter referred to as the “Joint Committee”, shall be established for the implementation of this Agreement. The Joint Committee shall comprise an equal number of representatives from each Party appointed by the Competent Authorities, which shall inform each other, through the diplomatic channel, of the appointment of the said representatives.
- (2) The Joint Committee's tasks shall be to -
 - (a) create favourable conditions for the implementation of this Agreement;