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**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

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

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
CUBA**

**ON**

**ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION**

## **PREAMBLE**

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

**INSPIRED** by the wish to strengthen friendship and exchange environmental cooperation between the Parties;

**RECOGNIZING** the importance of cooperative efforts to promote environmental protection and sustainable development;

**WELL DISPOSED** to promote collaboration and exchanges between the Parties in the environmental field, in order to preserve and improve the environment for the future generations;

**AWARE** of mutual advantages that cooperation on diverse environmental issues would bring about, in order to increase economic and social development, provision of sustainable livelihoods and that environmentally compatible management of natural resources are integral and mutually supportive parts of sustainable development;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

### **Article 1 Intention**

The Parties shall co-operate within the framework of this Agreement on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit, taking into consideration their national environmental policies.

### **Article 2 Objectives**

The objectives of this Agreement shall be attained by co-operation between the Parties through -

- (a) exchange of information and technical expertise in pollution and waste management, environmental health protection and conservation of natural resources and marine resources, environmental awareness and education, specific focus on capacity building, environmental management and regulatory frameworks, monitoring, compliance and enforcement;

- (b) co-operation and exchange of views on environmental issues governed by Multilateral Environmental Agreements such as climate change, ozone layer depletion, biological diversity loss, deforestation, drought and desertification, wildlife, marine and freshwater pollution, environmental sanitation as well as any other relevant global environmental issue that both Parties deem appropriate; and
- (c) consultation with international bodies dealing with environmental protection and sustainable development, such as the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), the Global Environment Facility and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

### **Article 3** **Implementation of areas of co-operation**

In order to implement the objectives referred to in Article 2, the Parties intend to –

- (a) exchange information on environmentally sound technologies;
- (b) organize meetings of experts, seminars and joint training programmes;
- (c) support programmes and initiatives that will promote the attainment of sustainable development, with special emphasis on technical support towards ensuring effective environmental policies, legislation and enforcement of environmental regulations;
- (d) support forest management, wildlife and eco-tourism management;
- (e) support environmental information management;
- (f) support and engage in cooperative scientific and technical programmes related to atmospheric science and its applications.

### **Article 4** **Competent authorities**

- (1) The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs of the Republic of South Africa and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment of the Republic of Cuba.
- (2) Each competent authority shall appoint a coordinator for the purpose of implementing this Agreement.

- (3) The venues and times of coordinators meetings shall be agreed upon in writing between the competent authorities.
- (4) Each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses arising from the implementation of this Agreement.

#### **Article 5 Settlement of Disputes**

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

#### **Article 6 Amendment**

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

#### **Article 7 Entry into force, Duration and Termination**

- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which each Party has notified the other in writing through the diplomatic channel of its compliance with the constitutional requirements necessary for the implementation thereof. The date of entry into force shall be the date of the last notification.
- (2) This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years, after which it shall be renewed automatically for further periods of five years unless terminated by either Party giving six months written notice in advance through the diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate this Agreement.
- (3) A Party terminating this Agreement shall remain bound to contractual relationships to which it is a party and to its obligations there under, until they are fulfilled.