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and
Nigeria**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

ON

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

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and separately as a "Party");

CONSIDERING that the development of Information and Communication Technologies ("ICTs") 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 21st century;

RECOGNIZING the need to promote closer cooperation between the Parties with a view to leverage capabilities and opportunities on both sides;

ASPIRING for more productive and advanced cooperation channels in the field of ICTs, in a way that reflects the potentials of the two countries in this field;

GUIDED by the mutual benefit and interest of both Parties in encouraging and supporting partnerships, commercial ventures, research and development in e-knowledge and in the ICTs and services;

MINDFUL of the need to maximize the role of trade potentials in the two countries with a view to upgrading cooperation for their benefit, and the African continent in general; and

INTENDING to promote and exchange experiences and further enhance close relations in the field of ICTs;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1
OBJECTIVE

- (1) The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is to encourage and promote cooperation between the Parties in the field of ICT's, comprising telecommunications, broadcasting 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.
- (2) The Parties shall promote closer cooperation and the exchange of information pertaining to the ICT sector in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of each country, and in conformity with the spirit of the African Union.

ARTICLE 2
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of the actions contained in this MOU shall be -

- (a) in the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Communications;
and
- (b) in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Ministry of Communication Technology.

ARTICLE 3
SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION

- (1) Cooperation between the Parties under this Memorandum of Understanding shall encourage a closer working relationship between, government, technical institutions, regulatory bodies, business, research, education and other organizations in the ICT's, telecommunications, broadcasting 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 ICT activities.
- (3) Given the rapid changes occurring in the various fields of ICT's, telecommunications, broadcasting and postal administration, the Parties have identified the following areas of common interest for strategic cooperation:
 - (a) ICT policy development, management and regulation;
 - (b) broadcasting digital migration, including trading on set top boxes (STBs) and digital terrestrial television (DTT);
 - (c) human resources development in the field of ICTs;
 - (d) digital content development;
 - (e) exploring and promotion of ICT Business to Business relations;
 - (f) strengthen cooperation in international organizations dealing with ICTs, especially African Union and support of regional economic groups for increased co-ordination and integration in Africa; and
 - (g) other areas of ICTs as may be jointly decided by the two Parties.