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and
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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

**CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF WOMEN
DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT**

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”);

DETERMINED to further promote peace, stability and security and develop their relations in the field of women affairs and child development, and guided by the principle of mutual respect for each other’s sovereignty;

DETERMINED FURTHER to strengthen the mutual ties of friendship and understanding existing between the Parties. Working in the spirit of the African Union (AU), the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) and other international and regional initiatives and norms for the greater well-being of women and children of the Parties;

CONSIDERING that it would be in their mutual interest to establish a bilateral mechanism for encouraging the exchange of information and ideas on the various policies;

RECOGNISING that it is fundamental to nurture collaboration between institutions, public and private, national and international in order to create the necessary synergies and guarantee the sustainability of actions undertaken.

DESIRING THEREFORE to enter into a bilateral Agreement which will create the basis of collaboration between the Parties in the realization of women and children’s human rights.

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

OBJECTIVES

The Parties shall promote the development of co-operation in the field of women development and empowerment and child development between the Parties on the basis of equality and mutual advantages and in line with internationally agreed norms.

ARTICLE 2

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

In pursuing these objectives, the competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "this MoU") shall be-

- (a) in the case of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Ministry of Women Affairs; and
- (b) in the case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Women, Children and People with Disabilities.

ARTICLE 3

MODALITIES AND SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION

The Parties shall, subject to the domestic law in force in each country, accord each other every possible facility to ensure better understanding of women development or empowerment and child development through:-

- (i) undertaking study tours and exchange of visits;
- (ii) exchanging of information on legal matters like the National Gender Policy;
- (iii) maintaining constant contacts with a view to generating and sharing ideas that will uplift the status of women;
- (iv) capacity building of women in political and economic spheres in both countries with a view to empowering them.

- (v) undertaking business exchange visits to income generating centres, Small Scale and Agro Allied Ventures and Centre for the Arts and Crafts;
- (vi) establishing export outlets for goods produced by Women to enhance their economic empowerment through trade exhibitions and fairs;
- (vii) establishing exchange programmes for the implementation of various regional and international instruments, conventions and treaties on women;
- (viii) promotion of civil society cooperation between the Parties;
- (ix) establishment of joint projects and other joint mechanisms;
- (x) exchange of experts to deliver lectures and capacity building;
- (xi) exchange of visits and sharing of information and experience through seminars and conferences;

ARTICLE 4

GENDER RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

The Parties shall carry out research and analysis on the following:

- (i) Gender and development issues;
- (ii) economic empowerment of women;
- (iii) women in politics and decision-making;
- (iv) trafficking in women and ways of combating it;
- (v) women and HIV or AIDS;
- (vi) remittance by women migrants.
- (vii) violence against women; causes and solutions;
- (viii) bio-remediation;
- (ix) food crop fortification;
- (x) telemedicine;
- (xi) stem cell transplantation or xenotransplantation;
- (xii) pollution causes and reduction or prevention;
- (xiii) women with disabilities;
- (xiv) women and climate change;