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**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC SOUTH AFRICA**

**ON**

**CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF  
AGRICULTURE**

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## **PREAMBLE**

The Government of the Argentine Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as a “Party”);

**COGNISANT** of the Institutional Agreement on Veterinary Matters between the Parties;

**WISHING** to further strengthen relations existing between the Parties;

**RECOGNIZING** the importance of technical and economic co-operation among developing countries in terms of the exchange of information, sharing of experiences and research in the field of Agriculture;

**DESIROUS** of promoting co-operation in the field of agriculture;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be-

- (a) In the case of Republic of South Africa, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; and
- (b) In the case of the Government of the Argentine Republic, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **OBJECTIVE**

This Agreement aims to strengthen agricultural development and co-operation between the Parties through shared programs and projects in the fields of co-operation identified in Article 3.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **FIELDS OF CO-OPERATION**

The Parties shall promote co-operation at a technical, operational and policy level in the following fields:

- (a) improvement of agriculture production efficiencies;
- (b) technologies to improve responses to biotic and abiotic stresses;
- (c) agricultural inputs such as fertilizers, pesticides and biological control;
- (d) diversification of agricultural commodities through the use and improvement of minor or underutilized crop species and animal breeds;
- (e) advisory services and other assistance programs available to farmers;
- (f) management of natural and genetic resources relevant to agriculture;
- (g) co-operation on regulatory issues within the framework of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

- (h) co-operation on regulatory issues about plant variety protection and animal improvement;
- (i) promotion and facilitation of trade in agricultural products;
- (j) exchange of information on agricultural products' differentiation and marketing strategies by means of geographical indications and certification marks; and
- (k) Co-operation as regards to climate change vulnerability, adaptation and mitigation.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

##### **MODALITIES OF CO-OPERATION**

For the purpose of this Agreement, co-operation may include:

- (a) exchange of scientists, researchers, technical personnel, regulators and other experts;
- (b) exchange of technical information;
- (c) Joint organization of seminars, symposia, conferences, trade fairs and trade missions and discussion fora;
- (d) training involving courses, seminars, study tours and other necessary professional training on subjects of mutual interest;
- (e) promotion of contacts between the relevant public and private enterprises;
- (f) joint agricultural research including exchange of scientific and technical information;
- (g) market development and promotion of international trade relations;
- (h) streamlined and preferential procedures to address impediments to trade, including both government and business level participation; and