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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI**

**FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A JOINT COMMISSION OF COOPERATION**

PREAMBLE

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

WHEREAS a General Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Burundi has been signed at Cannes on 14th February 2007, and entered into force on the same day;

CONSCIOUS of the bonds between the two countries and of the necessity to promote and strengthen bilateral relations and other forms of cooperation;

CONSIDERING the necessity for implementing the said General Agreement through a proper mechanism;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT COMMISSION

The Parties hereby establish the South Africa/Burundi Joint Commission of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Commission").

ARTICLE 2

PURPOSE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION

1. The purpose of the Joint Commission shall be to seek ways and means of promoting and enhancing cooperation between the Parties in, among others, the sectors of-
 - (a) agriculture;
 - (b) arts and culture;
 - (c) commerce;
 - (d) education;
 - (e) politics;
 - (f) defence;
 - (g) sports;
 - (h) mining;
 - (i) women empowerment;

- (j) investment;
- (k) health;
- (l) science and technology;
- (m) communication ("ICT");
- (n) public works; and
- (o) financial services;

and to coordinate initiatives in this regard as well as to facilitate contacts between the civil, parastatal and private sector structures of the Parties.

2. The Joint Commission shall-
 - (a) Consider ways and means of promoting the objectives specified in Article 2(1) and ensure the proper coordination and implementation of its decisions and recommendations;
 - (b) Review the progress in the implementation of all agreements between the Parties and consider and solve any problems that may arise from the implementation of such agreements; and
 - (c) Deliberate and conclude, among others, Sectoral Agreements as and when desired.

ARTICLE 3

COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION

1. The Joint Commission shall be presided over by the South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation and the Burundian Minister of External Relations and International Cooperation. The host Minister shall preside over the meeting of the Joint Commission.
2. The Joint Commission shall comprise of representatives from various levels of government, and may also include representatives of private and parastatal sectors in the fields referred to in Article 2(1).
3. The Joint Commission shall draw up its own rules of procedure as and when needed.

ARTICLE 4

SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

1. The Joint Commission may set up Sectoral *ad hoc* Committees or Working Groups to see to the implementation of the decisions and recommendations made by the Joint Commission.
2. The outcome of all the deliberations of the Sectoral *ad hoc* Committees or Working Groups shall be submitted to the Joint Commission in the plenary for appraisal and record purposes.
3. The Sectoral Committees may meet as and when required.
4. Sector-specific agreements may be concluded by the Parties within the context of the competency of the Sectoral Committees.
5. The *ad hoc* Sub-Committees or Working Groups shall present reports of their deliberations through their respective Sectoral Committees to the Commission.

ARTICLE 5

MEETINGS

1. The Joint Commission shall meet every two years, alternately in South Africa and Burundi at the request of any Party.
2. A mid-term review shall be conducted by senior officials on an annual basis.
3. The Party hosting a meeting shall provide the venue thereof and the secretarial services required, and shall bear the cost thereof.

ARTICLE 6

AGENDA FOR MEETINGS

The agenda for each meeting shall be drawn up by the host Party and shall be subject to an exchange of proposals through the diplomatic channel, at least one month prior to the opening of each meeting and shall be adopted at the said session in plenary.