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AGREEMENT BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
STATE OF PALESTINE**

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

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the State of Palestine (hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Parties” and in the singular as “a Party”);

Recognising the friendly and fraternal relations which have always existed between their States and Peoples;

Desiring to strengthen and deepen understanding and solidarity between their peoples in order to ensure their well being;

Guided by a common goal to broaden and strengthen their political, economic, scientific, technical, judicial, social, cultural cooperation and all other fields between their respective States;

Hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties hereby establish a South African-Palestinian Joint Commission of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the “Joint Commission”)

ARTICLE 2

- (1) The Joint Commission shall consist of Senior Government representatives of the Parties, appointed in the various areas of cooperation or appointed as may be determined from time to time.

- (2) The Joint Commission shall meet alternately in South Africa and in Palestine in ordinary and extraordinary sessions. Ordinary sessions shall be held annually and if necessary, extraordinary sessions shall be held on written request of either Party.
- (3) The Joint Commission shall be presided over by the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine.
- (4) Sectorial Committees will be established by the Parties as and when deemed necessary.
- (5) Parasternal, private sector and civil sector representatives may be invited to participate in meetings of Sectorial Committees or in other structures established by those Committees.
- (6) Each Party shall determine the composition of its delegation to participate in Joint Commission sessions.

ARTICLE 3

- (1) Each Sectorial Committee may set up Ad hoc Sub-Committees or Working Groups to see to the smooth and proper implementation of the decisions and recommendations made by mutual consent by the Joint Commission.
- (2) The outcome of the deliberations of the various Sub-Committees and Working Groups shall be submitted to the Joint Commission for appraisal, through the relevant Sectorial Committees.
- (3) The sector-specific agreements may be entered into between the Parties within the context of the Sectorial Committees.