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et
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF
CAMBODIA**

ON

**COOPERATION IN BIODIVERSITY
CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION**

PREAMBLE

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

RECOGNISING the goals and principles stated in the Convention on Biological Diversity (hereinafter referred to as "CBD"), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (hereinafter referred to as "CITES") and National Environment, Biodiversity, and Wildlife Legislation in both countries;

AWARE of the regional and global nature of biodiversity management, conservation and protection, compliance, and law enforcement issues and the urgency to find cost-effective and long-term solutions in addressing these issues through international cooperation and the importance of coordinating joint activities of the Parties;

NOTING that illegal wildlife trafficking remains a global challenge;

IN THE SPIRIT of cooperation and collaboration in CITES and the CBD;

SHARING the common concerns and responsibilities of the Parties to enhance cooperation in the field of biodiversity management, conservation and protection, law enforcement and compliance with CITES;

CONVINCED that cooperation between the Parties in the field of biodiversity conservation and protection, law enforcement and compliance with CITES is of mutual benefit and will further promote the friendly relations between their respective countries.

HEREBY AGREE to the following:

ARTICLE 1

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") is to promote cooperation between the Parties in the field of biodiversity management, conservation and protection, law enforcement, compliance with CBD, CITES, and other relevant legislation and Conventions on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE 2

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this MoU shall be

- (a) in case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Environmental Affairs; and
- (b) in case of the Royal Government of Cambodia, the Ministry of Environment.