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et
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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as a "Party"), are:

DESIROUS to conclude an Agreement in the Field of Tourism;

INTENDING to strengthen the ties of friendship uniting the Parties and willing to deepen relationships between their peoples through the increased exchange and development of their respective heritages;

RECOGNISING that tourism is a growing matter in the economic sector and a catalyst for job creation;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the development of tourism respects the principles of responsible tourism and creates economic, social and environmental balance, specifically in order to contribute to the fight against poverty and the protection of the environment; and

AWARE of the potential contribution that tourism can make to the enrichment of bilateral relations between the Parties;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1
OBJECTIVES

This Agreement shall lay the general basis to promote and to increase tourism exchanges and co-operation between the Parties for their mutual benefit in accordance with the domestic law of both countries and international agreements signed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 2
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be—

- (a) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Tourism; and
- (b) in the case of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Ministry of Tourism.

ARTICLE 3
ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT TOURISM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- (1) The Parties shall establish a Joint Tourism Technical Committee ("JTTC") comprising of five members from relevant government departments and agencies.
- (2) The JTTC shall—
 - (a) develop a five (5) year Plan of Action;
 - (b) meet twice a year at a venue mutually agreed upon between the Parties to, *inter alia*, review and evaluate progress of the implementation of the Plan of Action; and
 - (c) develop its own operational procedures.
- (3) Each Party shall be responsible for its own travel and accommodation costs in respect of meetings of the JTTC.

ARTICLE 4
HERITAGE AND CULTURAL TOURISM

The Parties shall facilitate the development and preservation of their heritage and promotion of cultural tourism.

ARTICLE 5
TOURISM INVESTMENT

The Parties shall—

- (a) promote and support the activities and efforts of professionals and other bodies, associations or organisations in the field of tourism in their respective territories with a view to encourage and implement joint capital and investment in the field of tourism; and
- (b) organise joint seminars periodically for investors to introduce projects and promote joint ventures in the field of tourism.

ARTICLE 6
RESEARCH AND PLANNING

The Parties undertake to—

- (a) harmonise the collection of tourism statistics in accordance with the guidelines of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (“UNWTO”);
- (b) carry out joint research and planning in the field of tourism; and
- (c) exchange information on statistics on tourism.