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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE**

**AND**

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

**ON DIPLOMATIC CONSULTATIONS**

**PREAMBLE**

**WHEREAS** the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe are hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties" and singularly as "a Party";

**DESIRING THEREFORE** to develop and strengthen the traditional relations of friendship and mutually advantageous co-operation between the two countries and peoples;

**WISHING** to reinforce the friendship and co-operation ties between the two countries in the ambit of the United Nations Charter, the Constitutive Act of the African Union and other international and regional legal instruments to which both states are parties;

**RECOGNISING** the need to create a mechanism for regular consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe and the Department of International Relations and Co-operation of the Government of the Republic of South Africa on matters of mutual interest;

**AND CONTEMPLATING** that such a mechanism would facilitate consultations and would include the holding of regular, structured and ad hoc meetings;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **Objective**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding, (hereinafter referred to as 'the MOU'), is to establish a mechanism for regular diplomatic consultations between the Parties.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Competent Authorities**

The Parties hereby designate the following Departments to be the Competent Authorities which shall implement the objective of this MOU:

- 2.1 for the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and
- 2.2 for the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of International Relations and Co-operation.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **Scope of Consultation**

The scope of consultations by the Parties shall include but not be limited to the following:

- 3.1 issues concerning the strengthening of bi-lateral co-operation;
- 3.2 issues relating to security and co-operation in Africa; and
- 3.3 other issues of mutual interest.

**ARTICLE 4**

**Mode of Implementation**

- 4.1 The Parties shall promote contact between their diplomatic and consular missions around the world and shall exchange views on matters of mutual interest.
- 4.2 The Parties shall advise their diplomatic representatives to the United Nations, the African Union and other international organisations to consult and co-operate in fields of common interest.
- 4.3 Either Party may request should the need arise, the holding of ad hoc meetings at any time as a result of the urgency to deal with issues of mutual interest.
- 4.4 Each Party shall bear all expenses incurred with regard to travelling and accommodation of its delegation to attend to any meeting convened to give effect to this MOU. The Party hosting a meeting shall be responsible for providing the venue and all secretarial and administrative services. The hosting of meetings shall be on an alternating basis.

**ARTICLE 5**

**Settlement of Disputes**

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.