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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**

ON

**CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD
OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

PREAMBLE

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

DESIRING to promote and strengthen existing friendly relations and co-operation between both countries in the field of social development;

SEEKING to encourage and further develop their amicable relationship through the exchange of programmes, information and expertise aimed at benefiting the participants in social protection and development activities in both countries;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") shall be:

- (a) in the case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Social Development; and
- (b) in the case of the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Ministry of Social Development.

ARTICLE 2

SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION

The Parties shall co-operate in the following areas:

- (a) Welfare Services, including Inter-Country Adoptions and International Social Services (ISS)
- (b) social assistance; and