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[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

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and the Government of Burkina Faso on the establishment of a
Joint Commission of Cooperation

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of Burkina Faso
(hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as a “Party”);

CONSCIOUS of the bonds between the two countries and of the necessity to promote
security and cooperation in support of sustainable development in their respective
countries as well as on the African continent in general;

DESIROUS of further enhancing the understanding, friendship and solidarity between
their peoples and of promoting their well-being;

DESIROUS of intensifying and enhancing cooperation between the various sectors of
development in their countries;

COMMITTED to the universal norms of equality, democracy, human rights and the
rule of law;

FURTHER to the signing in Pretoria on 13 July 2004 of a General Co-operation
Agreement between the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Faso;

HEREBY agree as follows:

Article 1

ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT COMMISSION OF CO-OPERATION

By virtue of this Agreement, the Parties shall establish a South Africa-Burkina Faso
Joint Commission of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the “Joint Commission”).

Article 2

PURPOSE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION

- (1) The purpose of the Joint Commission shall be to -

- (a) seek ways and means of promoting and enhancing co-operation between the sectors of the Parties; and
- (b) to facilitate contact between the civil and private sectors of the structures of the Parties.

Article 3

COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION

- (1) The Joint Commission shall be presided over by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso.
- (2) The Joint Commission shall consist of senior Government representatives of the Parties in the various sectors of cooperation as may be determined from time to time.
- (3) Sectoral Committees will be established by the Parties as and when deemed necessary.
- (4) Parastatal, private sector and civil sector representatives may be invited to participate in meetings of Sectoral Committees or in other structures established by these Committees.
- (5) Each Party shall determine the composition of its delegation to participate in Joint Commission sessions

Article 4

SUB-COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS

- (1) Each Sectoral 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 ad hoc sub-committees or Working Groups shall also, through the relevant Sectoral Committees, be submitted to the Joint Commission for appraisal.
- (3) Sector-specific agreements may be signed between the Parties within the context of the Sectoral Committees.

Article 5

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The Joint Commission shall meet in ordinary sessions bi-annually in Ouagadougou and Pretoria alternately, or in extraordinary session at the request of either Party.

Article 6

AGENDA FOR MEETINGS

- (1) The agenda of each meeting shall be agreed upon after an exchange of proposals by the Parties through the diplomatic channel at least one month prior to the opening of each session.
- (2) The agenda shall be agreed upon after an exchange of proposals by the plenary session of the Joint Commission.

Article 7

RECORD OF DELIBERATIONS

- (1) The outcome of the deliberations of each Sectoral Committee as well as other matters of importance to the Joint Commission shall be submitted to the Joint Commission in plenary for appraisal and record purposes.
- (2) The deliberations of the Joint Commission shall be sanctioned by a record signed by both Chairpersons.

Article 8

SECRETARIATS

- (1) The Parties agree that their respective Foreign Ministries shall be responsible for the coordination of logistical and administrative arrangements for plenary sessions of the Joint Commission and act as the General Secretariat of the Joint Commission in this regard.
- (2) The Parties further agree that each Sectoral Committee may establish its own Sectoral Secretariat and shall keep the General Secretariat informed of its activities in writing.

Article 9

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The Parties agree that each Party shall be responsible for its own accommodation and transport. Each Party shall determine the size and composition of its delegation attending the session.

Article 10

ENTRY INTO FORCE OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature.

Article 11

DURATION OF AND AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT

- (1) This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years whereafter it shall be automatically extended for a further period of five years.
- (2) This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes through the diplomatic channel.