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[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

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PREAMBLE

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

PROCEEDING from the traditional close relations of friendship and solidarity that exist between the Parties and their peoples;

CONVINCED that both Parties can draw mutual benefit from the further strengthening and enhancement of the existing co-operation between the two countries;

CONSCIOUS that both Parties share the values of freedom, democracy, justice and the rule of law;

CONSIDERING the role that both Parties have to play in the economic, social and cultural development of Africa; and

REAFFIRMING their commitment to the objectives and principles of the African Union;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Scope

The Parties undertake to further strengthen their bilateral relations of friendship and co-operation and to this end shape and expand their co-operation in the political, economic, trade and investment, scientific, cultural, educational, health, technical and other fields on the basis of the principle of the sovereign equality of states.

ARTICLE 2

General Structure of Co-operation

The Parties undertake that heads of relevant government departments and senior officials of the Parties shall meet annually, alternatively in South Africa and Burundi, in order to take the necessary steps required for the implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

Competent Authorities

The Competent Authorities responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of this Agreement shall be-

- (a) in the case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Foreign Affairs; and
- (b) in the case of the Government of the Republic of Burundi, the Ministry of External Relations and International Co-operation.

ARTICLE 4

Economic Co-operation and Trade Ties

The Parties undertake to enhance their economic co-operation and trade ties with the view to furthering the objectives of the African Union, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

ARTICLE 5

Cultural Co-operation

The Parties undertake to enhance all-round co-operation in the fields of culture, literature, art, press, radio, television, cinema and sports, and to exchange experience for the purpose of a more profound understanding of the life, work and achievements of the peoples of the two countries.

ARTICLE 6

Promotion of Peace and International Security

The Parties undertake to continue to work closely for the promotion of peace and international security with particular emphasis on ending conflicts in Africa.

ARTICLE 7

Sectoral Co-operation

The Parties undertake to encourage their respective institutions, organizations and enterprises to strengthen their co-operation in the fields of science, education, health, agriculture, information and communication technology (ICT), construction industries, financial services and trade and investment. In this respect, the respective institutions, organizations and enterprises of the Parties may conclude separate agreements to consolidate the objectives of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8

Cost Implications

Each Party shall carry its own costs and expenses incurred as a result of attendance of the meetings between the Parties.

ARTICLE 9

International Treaty Obligations

The Parties agree that nothing in this Agreement shall affect the obligations of the Parties under existing international treaties or obligations arising from regional or international organisations of which they are members.

ARTICLE 10
Dispute Resolution

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

ARTICLE 11
Amendment

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 12
Entry into Force, Duration and Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof and shall remain in force indefinitely.
- (2) Notwithstanding sub-Article (1), either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time provided that it gives the other Party six months' prior written notice through the diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate the Agreement.
- (3) Notwithstanding sub-Article (2), ongoing specific projects and programmes under the framework of this Agreement shall continue uninterrupted until completion.