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**South Africa
and
Namibia**

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PREAMBLE

"The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Namibia (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as a "Party");

RECOGNISING the importance of science and technology in the development of their national economies and in the improvement of their socio-economic standards of life;

CONSIDERING that the development of scientific and technological relations shall be of mutual benefit to both countries;

DESIROUS of strengthening cooperation between the two countries, particularly in the fields of science and technology; and

CONSIDERING further that such cooperation will promote the development of existing friendly relations between the two countries;

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:"

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

In this Agreement, unless the context indicates otherwise-

'cooperating entities' means the entities specified in Article 6(1);

'Joint Committee' means the Joint Committee established in terms of 5(1);

'science and technological cooperation' includes research cooperation in the fields of natural, biological, human, social and applied sciences.'

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**ARTICLE 2
OBJECTIVES**

The Parties shall promote and support the development of cooperation in the fields of science and technology between their countries on the basis of equality and mutual advantages.

**ARTICLE 3
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 Minister for Science and Technology; and
- (b) in the case of the Republic of Namibia, the Minister for Research, Science and Technology.

**ARTICLE 4
SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

Cooperation under this Agreement between the Parties in the fields of science and technology shall be effected by means of –

- (a) the exchange of scientists, research workers, technical experts and scholars;
- (b) the exchange of scientific and technological information and documentation;
- (c) the organisation of bilateral scientific and technological seminars, conferences and workshops in areas of mutual interest;
- (d) the exchange of knowledge on technologies and techniques that could be of benefit to both Parties;

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- (e) the formulation and implementation of joint research and development programmes and exchange of knowledge resulting therefrom; and
- (f) other forms of scientific and technological co-operation as may be agreed upon and approved from time to time by the Parties.

ARTICLE 5
ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF JOINT COMMITTEE

- (1) The Parties shall establish a Joint Committee on Science and Technology.
- (2) The Joint Committee shall consist of an equal number of representatives designated by each Party. The required number of representatives shall be agreed upon in writing by the Parties.
- (3) Each Party shall appoint one of its representatives as chairperson, who shall co-chair all meetings between the Parties.
- (4) The Joint Committee shall meet alternatively in the Republic of South Africa and in the Republic of Namibia on agreed dates.
- (5) The Joint Committee shall determine its own rules of procedure in relation to the functions of the Joint Committee.
- (6) The tasks of the Joint Committee shall be to –
 - (a) identify priority fields of cooperation;
 - (b) create favourable conditions for the implementation of this Agreement;
 - (c) facilitate the implementation of joint programmes and projects;
 - (d) promote the exchange of information in order to further the development of cooperation; and
 - (e) review progress regarding the implementation of this Agreement and guide future cooperative activities.

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