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**South Africa
and
Singapore**

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[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter referred to as “South Africa”) and the Government of the Republic of Singapore (hereinafter referred to as “Singapore”) (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and in the singular as a “Party”).

INSPIRED by the desire to further strengthen the friendly bilateral relations and comprehensive co-operation between the two countries;

MINDFUL of the complementary strengths and comparative advantages of Singapore and South Africa;

DESIROUS to promote political, economic and technical co-operation with the view to facilitating growth in trade, investment and tourism;

CONVINCED of the necessity of lasting and effective co-operation in the interest of both countries;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

OBJECTIVE

- (1) The Parties undertake to encourage and promote the development of political, economic and technical co-operation between Singapore and South Africa. This Memorandum of Understanding will serve as a framework within which detailed proposals for programmes of co-operation could be identified.
- (2) The Parties will endeavour, under the guidance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa, hold regular consultations on issues of mutual interest, as identified by them, comprising but not limited to, the areas identified in this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 2

SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION

- (1) The Parties will determine the various fields in which co-operation is desirable, taking into consideration the experience to be gained and the benefits to be derived from every field.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-Article (1), the fields for co-operation undertaken in this Memorandum of Understanding will include the following:

- (a) trade and investment;
 - (b) bilateral tourism;
 - (c) maritime affairs;
 - (d) academic co-operation;
 - (e) human resources development;
 - (f) co-operation on combating organised crime and terrorism; and
 - (g) any other fields that may be agreed upon by the Parties
- (3) In pursuance of closer co-operation in these fields, the Parties will endeavour to establish a practice of regular consultations and exchange of information on a scheduled basis, at a senior official's level.
- (4) The Parties will endeavour to consult each other on an ad hoc basis, for the purposes of co-ordinating activities of mutual interest in the international arena.

ARTICLE 3

TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- (1) The Parties will take measures, as each Party deems appropriate, to facilitate and promote trade and economic relations between them and encourage interaction between their respective business communities. The Parties will endeavour to establish a practice of regular consultations on economic and trade matters.
- (2) The Parties will establish a Joint Trade Committee (JTC) to collaborate on trade and investment related issues, including exploring the possibility of a Free Trade Agreement and opportunities for bilateral investment.
- (3) The Parties will collaborate in identifying investment projects to be promoted. New investment clusters and zones will be identified to facilitate investment in infrastructure and enterprises including tourism sector development such as hotel and resort development.

ARTICLE 4

TOURISM

- (1) The Parties will jointly encourage their citizens to travel to each other's country and shall facilitate, in collaboration with their competent Authorities, frontier entry formalities and procedures in accordance with their respective laws and regulations and without prejudice to their international obligations. They shall also encourage co-operation and direct contacts between their travel agencies, other relevant enterprises and organisations operating in the field of tourism with a view to increasing tourist exchanges between the two countries.