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**South Africa
and
Sao Tome and Principe**

**Co-operation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa
and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé and Príncipe.
Sao Tomé, 8 April 2005**

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et
Sao Tomé-et-Principe**

**Accord de coopération entre le Gouvernement de la République d'Afrique du Sud
et le Gouvernement de la République démocratique de Sao Tomé-et-Principe.
Sao Tomé, 8 avril 2005**

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CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
SAO TOMÉ AND PRINCÍPE**

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PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé & Príncipe (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and in the singular as a “Party”);

WISHING to promote the relations of friendship, brotherhood and co-operation between their two countries on the basis of the principles contained in the United Nations Charter, the constitutive Act of the African Union and the acknowledged international standards;

PROMPTED by the common will to contribute to the development of their economies through co-operation between the two countries:

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

- (1) The implementing agencies of this Agreement shall be:
- (a) on behalf of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé & Príncipe: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Co-operation and Communities, and;
 - (b) on behalf of the Republic of South Africa: The Department of Foreign Affairs.

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- (2) The senior officials of the respective implementing agencies shall hold regular consultations on issues of common interest relating to their bilateral relations as well as on international issues.
- (3) These consultations may cover, but will not be restricted to:
 - (a) issues relating to the organisation and consolidation of bilateral co-operation in the political field;
 - (b) issues on the agendas of international organisations of which the two countries are members.

ARTICLE 2

- (1) Consultations between officials and experts of the Parties shall take place alternatively in South Africa and in Sao Tomé & Príncipe, as may be required.
- (2) Special consultations may be held at any time if so requested by either Party, either in South Africa or in Sao Tomé & Príncipe, as agreed by the Parties, or at international organisations.
- (3) Each Party shall be responsible for all costs relating to its delegation attending the consultations. The costs for the organisation of work shall be borne by the Host Party.

ARTICLE 3

The diplomatic missions of the two Parties accredited to other countries, as well as their permanent missions to the United Nations and African Union and other international organisations, will intensify their contacts, and exchanges of views on the subjects mentioned in Article 1.

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ARTICLE 4

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate co-operation between their research institutes, which specifically deal with international relations.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties shall exchange publications and documentation relating to the manner in which their Ministry or Department of Foreign Affairs is structured.

ARTICLE 6

The Parties shall make an assessment, during their consultations, of the implementation of this Agreement and agree on the co-operation programme for the following year.

ARTICLE 7

- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature hereof by the Parties.
- (2) This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of two years, whereafter it shall be renewed automatically for another period of two years unless terminated by either Party giving three months written notice in advance through the diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

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