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AGREEMENT BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
ON POLICE COOPERATION**

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PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Austrian Federal Government (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and separately as a "Party");

WISHING to consolidate and develop the cordial relations between the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Austria;

WISHING FURTHER to promote peace, stability, security and prosperity in their respective countries;

RECOGNIZING the importance of the promotion and development of cooperation in the field of combating crime;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the objectives and principles of international agreements to which they are parties, as well as resolutions of the United Nations and its specialized agencies on combating crime;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

Article 1

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND OBLIGATION TO COOPERATE

- (1) The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be -
 - (a) on the South African part, the Department of Safety and Security; and
 - (b) on the Austrian part, the Federal Ministry of Interior.
- (2) Exchange of information between the Parties within the International Criminal Police Organisation ICPO – Interpol may be complemented by direct contact between representatives of the competent authorities.
- (3) Cooperation between the Parties may also be carried out through liaison officers. The liaison officer shall provide information and advice, and shall not have any executive powers. The tasks and duties of the liaison officer shall be determined by the competent authorities in conformity with their domestic law. Liaison officers need not be appointed on a reciprocal basis.
- (4) The competent authorities shall cooperate in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, acting under their jurisdiction and subject to the international obligations and domestic law of the Parties.

Article 2

AREAS OF COOPERATION

- (1) The competent authorities, within their means, undertake to co-operate in preventing, combating and investigating crime, including, but not limited to -
 - (a) organized crime and corruption;
 - (b) the illicit production of and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including those materials which are used in their production;
 - (c) trafficking in firearms, ammunition, explosives and poisonous substances, including radioactive materials;
 - (d) trafficking in stolen goods;
 - (e) trafficking in persons;
 - (f) economic crimes, including money laundering;
 - (g) the production and sale of forged banknotes, securities and other fraudulent documents; and
 - (h) high-tech crime.