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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE

**GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
BOTSWANA**

**REGARDING THE CO-ORDINATION OF
AERONAUTICAL SEARCH AND RESCUE
SERVICES**

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PREAMBLE

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

DESIRING to conclude an Agreement for the purpose of establishing search and rescue services between and beyond their respective territories;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

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ARTICLE 1

DEFINITIONS

In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise indicates –

"Agencies"	means organisations, voluntary or otherwise, deployed to support the search and rescue units during operations;
"Authorities"	means competent authorities referred to in Article 2;
"Agreement"	means this Agreement, any Annexures thereto, and any Amendments to the Agreement or any of its Annexures;
"The Chicago Convention"	means the Convention of International Civil Aviation opened for signature at Chicago on the seventh day of December, 1944, and includes any Annexure adopted under any Article of the Convention and any amendments of the Annexure or the Convention under any Article in so far as those Annexures and amendments have been adopted by both Parties;
"Rescue"	means an operation to retrieve persons in distress, provide for their initial medical or other needs, and deliver them to a place of safety;
"Rescue Co-ordination Centre (RCC)"	means a unit responsible for promoting efficient organisation of search and rescue services and for co-ordinating the conduct of search and rescue operations within a search and rescue region;
"Rescue Sub-Centre"	means a unit subordinate to a Rescue co-ordination centre, established to complement the RCC within a specified portion of a search and rescue region;
"Search"	means an operation normally coordinated by a rescue co-ordination centre or rescue sub-centre using available personnel and facilities to locate persons in distress;
"Search and Rescue Aircraft"	means an Aircraft normally provided with specialized equipment suitable for the efficient conduct of search and rescue mission;
"Search and Rescue Organisation"	means an organisation established to organize and co-ordinate available resources so that effective and expeditious search and/or rescue operations can be assured.

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