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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM
OF SWAZILAND**

**ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT
BILATERAL COMMISSION
FOR COOPERATION**

PREAMBLE

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

RECOGNIZING the historical links and geographic proximity that bind both countries;

BEING MUTUALLY DESIROUS of consolidating and developing a special relationship, which will guide the strategic partnership and enhance economic and social development, multilateral cooperation, democracy, human rights and good governance between the two countries;

GUIDED by the historical, geographical and cultural relations between the people of both countries;

CONSCIOUS of the necessity to promote sustainable development, peace and security in their respective countries and on the African continent in general;

PROMPTED by their commitment to the universal norms of human rights, democracy, and the rule of law which are the objectives and principles of the United Nations, the African Union, SADC and the Harare Declaration;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT BILATERAL COMMISSION
FOR COOPERATION

The Parties hereby establish a Republic of South Africa – Kingdom of Swaziland Joint Bilateral Commission for Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”)

ARTICLE 2
OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION

The key objectives of the commission are to:

- (1) Guide the strategic partnership between the Parties;
- (2) Promote economic and social development, multilateral cooperation, democracy, human rights and good governance in the two countries;
- (3) Promote cooperation in the fields of health, science and technology, language technology, archiving, arts, education, film and heritage;
- (4) Strengthen cooperation in the provision of mutual legal assistance in criminal and civil matters;
- (5) Promote democratic, credible and effective leadership, development of a strong civil society and respect for universal human rights and the rule of law within the two countries;
- (6) Facilitate movement of people, goods and services between the two countries by ensuring user – friendly border posts;

- (7) To facilitate mechanism or for a dialogue or discussion of issues which may not be specifically covered by this agreement, but which may be of concern to one or both parties;
- (8) Maintain security and stability between the two countries and general stability in the Southern African region through respect for the principles enunciated in the African Union, the Harare Declaration of 1991 and the SADC Treaty.

ARTICLE 3

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMISSION

The commission shall be guided by the following principles:

- (1) Respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity;
- (2) Good neighbourliness and non-interference in each other's internal affairs;
- (3) Economic development and cooperation and regional integration; and
- (4) Social development and cooperation.

ARTICLE 4

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

The commission shall be organised at the level of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, other Ministers and Senior Officials of Departments / Ministries involved with the substance and agenda at any given time.