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General Co-operation Agreement
between
the Government of the Republic of South Africa
and
the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Parties” and separately referred to as a “Party”),

PROCEEDING from the traditional close relations of friendship and solidarity that exist between the Parties and their peoples;

CONVINCED that both Parties can draw mutual benefits from the further strengthening and enhancement of the existing co-operation between the two countries;

CONSCIOUS that both Parties share the values of freedom, democracy, justice and rule of law;

CONSIDERING the role that both Parties have to play in the economic, social and cultural development of Africa;

REAFFIRMING their commitment to the objectives and principles of the African Union;

RECALLING the Declaration of Intent signed in 1997 between the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Government of the Republic of South Africa which calls on both Parties to work towards a general agreement; and

DESIROUS of upgrading this Declaration of Intent to a level of a general agreement;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties undertake to further strengthen their bilateral relations of friendship and co-operation and to this end shape and expand their co-operation in the political, economic, trade and investment, scientific, cultural, educational, health, technical and other fields on the basis of the principles of sovereign equality of states.

ARTICLE 2

The Parties undertake to enhance their economic co-operation and trade ties with the view to furthering the objectives of the African Union and NEPAD.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties undertake to enhance all-round co-operation in the fields of culture, literature, art, press, radio, television, cinema and sports, and exchange of experience for the purpose of a more profound understanding of the life, work and achievements of the peoples of the two countries.

ARTICLE 4

The Parties undertake to continue to work closely for the promotion of peace and international security with particular emphasis on ending conflicts in Africa.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties undertake to encourage their respective competent institutions, organizations, and enterprises to strengthen their co-operation in the fields of science, education, health, agriculture, information and communication technology (ICT), construction industries, financial services, trade and investment. In this respect, the respective competent institutions, organizations and enterprises of the Parties may conclude separate agreements to consolidate the objectives of the General Agreement.

ARTICLE 6

- (1) The Parties undertake to set up a Joint Ministerial Commission composed of competent authorities of the Parties which shall meet biennially, alternately in South Africa and Ethiopia. The Joint Ministerial Commission shall monitor the implementation of this agreement and identify further areas of co-operation.
- (2) The Parties further undertake that heads of relevant government departments and senior officials of the Parties will meet annually, alternately in South Africa and Ethiopia, in order to take the necessary steps required for the implementation of this General Agreement.

ARTICLE 7

Each Party shall carry its own costs and expenses incurred as a result of attendance of the meetings provided for in Article 6.

ARTICLE 8

The Parties agree that nothing in the present General Agreement shall affect the obligations of the Parties under existing international treaties or obligations arising from regional or international organizations of which they are members.

ARTICLE 9

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the implementation or interpretation of this General Agreement shall be settled amicably through bilateral negotiation between the Parties.

ARTICLE 10

This General Agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.