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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF  
BRAZIL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA ON  
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

P R E A M B L E

The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil

and

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

Recognizing the importance of science and technology in the  
development of their national economies and in the improvement of their socio-  
economic standards of life;

Considering that the development of scientific and technological  
relations shall be of mutual benefit to both countries;

Desirous of strengthening cooperation between the two countries,  
particularly in the fields of science and technology; and

Considering further that such cooperation will promote the  
development of existing friendly relations between the two countries;

Hereby Agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1  
Objectives

1. The objective of this Agreement is to contribute to the development of  
scientific and technological cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual  
advantages.

2. In this Agreement the term “scientific and technological cooperation” includes research cooperation in the fields of human, social sciences and natural sciences.

3. Details and procedures of specific cooperative activities under this Agreement shall be established in separate complementary agreements or protocols.

## ARTICLE 2

### Modalities of Cooperation

1. Cooperation between the Parties in the fields of science and technology may be implemented by means of:

- a) development of scientific and technological joint research programmes and projects with sharing of research materials and equipment, as necessary;
- b) exchange of students, scientists, research workers, specialists and scholars for the development of programmes, projects and other scientific and technological cooperation activities;
- c) exchange of scientific and technological information and documentation electronically and by other means;
- d) organization of scientific and technological seminars, conferences, workshops, and courses in areas of mutual interest;
- e) joint identification of scientific and technological problems, formulation and implementation of joint research and development programmes, and application of knowledge resulting therefrom;
- d) other modalities of scientific and technological cooperation, as agreed by the Parties.

2. The activities referred to in subArticle 1 may be carried out by universities, research centres and public and private institutions in accordance with the applicable domestic law.

## ARTICLE 3

### Competent Authorities

The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil designates the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Government Republic of South Africa designates the Department of Science and Technology as their respective Competent Authorities responsible for facilitating the implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4

Fields Of Cooperation

1. Initially, cooperation under this Agreement shall focus on the following broad areas:

- i) Science, research and technology policy
- ii) Basic research, technology development and technology transfer
- iii) Human Capital Development

in the specific fields of:

- a) agroprocessing;
- b) industrial technology;
- c) biodiversity;
- d) biotechnology;
- e) energy;
- f) environmentally friendly technology;
- g) information and communication technology;
- h) materials research;
- i) space science and astronomy and
- j) indigenous knowledge.

2. Other fields of cooperation may be defined jointly by the Parties.

ARTICLE 5

Joint Committee on Scientific and  
Technological Cooperation

1. To facilitate the implementation of this Agreement, the Competent Authorities referred to in Article 3 shall designate a Joint Committee, which shall meet as required alternately in Brazil and in South Africa, on dates to be agreed through diplomatic channel. This Joint Committee shall be co-chaired by designated representatives from each side, and members shall be appointed by the respective Parties.

2. The functions of the Joint Committee shall be to:

- a) analyse and evaluate main issues related to the implementation of this Agreement, with a view to producing prospective agreed guidelines;
  - b) examine the progress of activities related to this Agreement;
  - c) identify new fields of cooperation on the basis of information delivered by institutions of each country and national policies in science and technology;
  - d) create favourable conditions for the implementation of this Agreement, as well as of joint programmes and projects.
3. The Joint Committee may constitute, whenever necessary, working groups in specific areas of cooperation, as well as appoint experts to examine specific matters.
4. Urgent decisions related to these functions, which may arise between Joint Committee meetings, shall be taken through the diplomatic channel.

#### ARTICLE 6

##### Complementary Agreements and Protocols

1. The Parties shall promote cooperation between their respective public and private organizations, enterprises and institutions concerned with science and technology, higher education institutions and other research and development organizations, (hereinafter referred to as "cooperating entities"). With this purpose, the Parties shall sign, if necessary, complementary arrangements and protocols, related to projects and programs in the framework of this Agreement.
2. The implementation of the complementary agreements and protocols referred to in subArticle 1 shall be agreed upon in accordance with the applicable domestic law.
3. The implementation of the complementary agreements and protocols referred to in subArticle 1 shall include, where applicable, provisions on intellectual property, the use of results from joint research and development projects, financial arrangements and other relevant matters.
4. The implementation of complementary agreements and protocols referred to in subArticle 1 shall include programmes of cooperation, and agreed periods for their implementation, setting out the details of cooperative activities.