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and
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AGREEMENT ON CO-OPERATION

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

PREAMBLE

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

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION that it is in the interest of the Parties to maintain and strengthen their relations in the field of agriculture and livestock production;

RECOGNISING the importance of drawing up a joint agricultural development programme for the effective utilisation of resources of both countries in the agrarian field, considering especially the potential of the two countries and the Southern Africa region;

RECOGNISING the necessity of developing the human resources of the two countries, with a view to supporting the joint effort in the development of agriculture and livestock production;

CONSCIOUS that the support of agricultural development in the two countries could potentiate the process of institutional co-operation between entities of the public sectors that embrace and foster the agriculture and livestock sectors;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to co-operate and promote special bilateral co-operation plans, with the aim of strengthening and consolidating bilateral relations, in the field of Agriculture between the Parties.

ARTICLE 2

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

For the purpose of implementation of this Agreement the Competent Authorities shall be -

- (a) on behalf of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Ministry of Agriculture, and
- (b) on behalf of South Africa, the Department of Agriculture.

ARTICLE 3

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

The Competent Authorities shall facilitate the necessary support and facilities to implement the joint development agricultural programmes, taking into consideration especially the agricultural potential of both countries and that of the Southern Africa region.

ARTICLE 4

AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

The objective of this Agreement is to establish joint institutional development and agricultural programmes (hereinafter referred to as "the joint programmes"), without prejudicing other fields of co-operation that may be considered in the future, including -

- (a) policy development;
- (b) strategic planning and organisational development;
- (c) bilateral trade;
- (d) joint ventures in agriculture;
- (e) animal and plant production;
- (f) increased exchange of information on NEPAD and within SADC;
- (g) strengthened co-operation on multilateral issues; and
- (h) capacity building, human resource development and joint training

ARTICLE 5

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

The co-operation activities between the Parties shall be developed in general in the form of technical assistance, laboratory support, training and especially through -

- (a) exchange of technicians and researchers at Ministry and Departmental level;
- (b) study and elaboration of projects of technical assistance;
- (c) exchange of scientific and technical information in the field of agricultural research between research institutions;
- (d) training involving courses, seminars, study tours and other necessary professional training;
- (e) private sector engagement, including financial institutions and joint investment from both countries; and
- (f) farmer to farmer capacity building exchange programmes.

ARTICLE 6

Details of joint programmes

The Parties shall promote, through the relevant institutions, the establishment of joint programmes, the details of which shall include -

- (a) the objectives and duration of the proposals;
- (b) the exact nature of the project or programme;
- (c) the personnel responsible for the implementation;
- (d) the financial needs and responsibilities; and
- (e) reports, as agreed upon, by the Joint Management Committee of this Agreement.