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**South Africa  
and  
Rwanda**

**General Agreement on bilateral cooperation between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda. Kigali, 17 December 1999**

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**Accord général relatif à la coopération bilatérale entre le Gouvernement de la République sud-africaine et le Gouvernement de la République du Rwanda. Kigali, 17 décembre 1999**

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**GÉNÉRAL AGREEMENT**  
**ON**  
**BILATERAL COOPERATION**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF**  
**SOUTH AFRICA**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

## **PREAMBLE**

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

**DESIROUS** to promote and strengthen closer bilateral relations and other forms of cooperation;

**MINDFUL** of the importance to contribute to the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Rwanda in order to overcome the devastation of its socio-economic and physical infrastructure caused by the 1994 genocide;

**AWARE** of the role of the private sector and its contribution in strengthening closer relations between the two countries;

**CONSCIOUS** of South Africa’s recent experience in the socio-economic and political transformation and its relevance to Rwanda’s Reconstruction and National Reconciliation and in the spirit of partnership and the African Renaissance vision,

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

### **Article 1**

The Parties undertake to support each other in the area of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation for purposes of the upliftment of their peoples.

### **Article 2**

The Parties commit themselves to promote and intensify bilateral relations in the spirit of partnership with a view to effect concrete economic, technical, social, political, security and cultural cooperation.

### **Article 3**

The Parties further agree that the implementation of sectoral cooperation shall be done by means of separate and specific agreements to be concluded between the relevant counterpart Departments.

#### **Article 4**

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate the private sector, public or parastatal organisations in their respective countries as instruments to enhance closer cooperation. They recognise the important role to be played by the Spatial Development Initiative (SDI) in this regard.

#### **Article 5**

The Parties undertake to pay special attention to human resource development, scientific and technological exchange.

#### **Article 6**

The Parties undertake to cooperate in the promotion of good governance, gender issues, youth, human rights and environmental matters.

#### **Article 7**

The Parties further agree to cooperate in the areas of immigration, security and multilateral diplomacy and to exchange information thereof.

#### **Article 8**

The Parties agree that relevant Departments and Ministries, which are responsible for cooperation, shall be responsible for coordination of the implementation of this Agreement.

#### **Article 9**

A Joint Commission, hereinafter referred to as "The South African/Rwanda Joint Commission" shall be established for purposes of follow-up and implementation of this Agreement. A separate agreement shall be negotiated and concluded in order to provide in more detail for the composition, procedures, functions, financial and other arrangements of the South African/Rwandan Joint Commission.

#### **Article 10**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof.