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and
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
KINGDOM OF SPAIN ON CONSULTATION**

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa through its Department of Foreign Affairs and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as a "Party");

- ACKNOWLEDGING the ongoing development in their bilateral relations and also cognizant of the existing agreements between the Parties;
- RECOGNISING the need to create a permanent mechanism for regular consultation between the two countries on matters of common interest as was envisaged in the Declaration of Intent that was signed between the respective Foreign Ministers on 16 February 1999;
- UNDERTAKING to establish, through common agreement, a permanent mechanism to exchange views on international affairs and bilateral matters;
- CONTEMPLATING that such a permanent mechanism would facilitate consultation and would include the holding of regular, structured meetings or ad hoc meetings;

HEREBY AGREE as follows :

ARTICLE 1

A meeting between the two Ministers or alternatively Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Parties shall be organized on an annual basis alternatively in Pretoria and Madrid or at a third venue of neutral choice in order to deal with questions of actuality considered by the Parties to be priority issues.

ARTICLE 2

Provision shall be made for regular meetings, to be held alternately in Pretoria and Madrid, which meetings shall be jointly presided over by the Directors-

General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain and the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa or their designated representatives.

ARTICLE 3

The Chief Directorate of Europe of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa and the Sub Directorate-General for Sub-Sahara Africa of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain shall be responsible, together with their respective Embassies in Madrid and Pretoria, for the coordination and follow up on matters pertaining to the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 4

The Parties shall explore ways to expand their cooperation in the field of training diplomats, particularly by means of fellowships, training sessions and exchanges.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties shall advise their diplomatic representatives, at Multilateral Organizations particularly those at the United Nations, to consult and to cooperate in fields of common interest.

ARTICLE 6

The meetings contemplated in Articles 1 and 2 may be expanded, according to the need, by ad hoc meetings which may be called at any time as a result of the urgency to deal with issues of mutual concern.

ARTICLE 7

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between them through the diplomatic channel.