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and
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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF

HEALTH

PREAMBLE

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

WILLING to contribute to establish and develop a diversified relationship in the health field, in the spirit of solidarity and friendship between the Parties;

BEING AWARE of the importance of health development for the future of both Parties; and

ACKNOWLEDGING the mutual advantages that may result from this Agreement;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

DEFINITIONS

In this Agreement unless the context otherwise indicates –

"health professional" means a person who is registered with a statutory health professional body in terms of the domestic law in force in the territories of the parties and who has significant skill, experience or knowledge in a particular field or activity related to human health.

"twinning" means the pairing of public institutions, including hospitals with similar functions and areas of specialty in the two countries for purposes of this Agreement;

ARTICLE 2
SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

The Parties shall promote, develop and increase co-operation in the field of health within their respective jurisdictions by exploring the possibilities for co-operation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE 3
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be –

- (a) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the National Department of Health or otherwise represented by the High Commission of the Republic of South Africa in the Republic of Cameroon; and
- (b) in the case of the Republic of Cameroon, the Ministry in charge of Health or otherwise represented by the High Commission of the Republic of Cameroon in the Republic of South Africa.

ARTICLE 4
AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

Co-operation between the Parties shall take place in the following areas:

- (a) co-operation in research and control of malaria;
- (b) technical professional education and training of health professionals;
- (c) technical support to hospitals in the Republic of Cameroon in the areas of management and health technology;
- (d) sharing experience in creating conditions for telemedicine and telehealth;
- (e) research and development;
- (f) surveillance, control and management of communicable and non-communicable diseases; and
- (g) transfer of patients to South Africa as may be agreed upon.

ARTICLE 5
FORMS OF CO-OPERATION

(1) The Parties shall co-operate by –

- (a) the exchange of health professionals for purposes of sharing new techniques and technologies;
- (b) exchanging training and education programmes as may be agreed upon by the Parties;
- (c) exchanging, disseminating and sharing information on health issues in areas of common interest;
- (d) creating partnerships between health institutions and organisations of both Parties;
- (e) exchange in biomedical and health system research;
- (f) promoting twinning between public institutions including hospitals; and
- (g) exchanging or sharing experience in human resources management in the context of decentralisation to local facilities.

(2) The Parties shall exchange appraisal and evaluation missions from their respective countries to study, analyse and identify projects in areas referred to in Article 4.

(3) Patients referred to the Republic of South Africa from the Republic of Cameroon shall be treated in public hospitals.

(4) The parties shall, prior to the patients contemplated in sub-Article (3) being referred to the Republic of South Africa, agree in writing on the number of patients and hospitals for placement for such patients.

(5) The Government of the Republic of Cameroon undertakes to bear all costs with regard to treatment and hospitalisation of patients contemplated in sub-Article (3), including any travel and accommodation expenses.