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**South Africa
and
Ghana**

Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa through the Department of International Relations and Cooperation and the Government of the Republic of Ghana through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration on cooperation in the field of foreign relations. Accra, 11 March 2010

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
AFRICA**

**THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF
INTERNATIONAL**

RELATIONS AND COOPERATION

AND THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

**THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS**

AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION

**ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
FOREIGN RELATIONS**

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa, through the Department of International Relations and Cooperation and the Government of the Republic of Ghana, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration (hereinafter jointly referred to as “Parties” and separately as a “Party”);

REITERATING their desire to contribute in their respective domains to the strengthening of existing bilateral relations and the expansion of areas of cooperation.

MOVED by their desire to work in close collaboration to promote international peace and security, cooperation and understanding among their peoples;

INSPIRED by their desire to promote bonds of friendship and cooperation between their two countries, based on the Constitutive Act of the African Union and the Charter of the United Nations;

CONVINCED of the usefulness of regular consultations on the different areas of their bilateral relations as well as on regional and international issues;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Consultations

- (1) The senior officials of the Parties shall meet to discuss issues pertaining to their bilateral relations, the implementation of international agreements in force as well as international issues of common interest.
- (2) Either Party, after notifying the other, may invite the authorities and representatives of other Ministries or Departments of the Parties to take part in the consultations.
- (3) The items to be discussed shall include the following:
 - (a) issues relating to the organisation and strengthening of their bilateral cooperation in the political, economic, scientific, technical and cultural sectors;
 - (b) issues on security and cooperation in Africa;
 - (c) items on the agenda of meetings of international organisations of which the Parties are members.

ARTICLE 2

Meetings

- (1) Officials and experts of the Parties shall meet at least once a year to deliberate on their bilateral relations and international concerns of common interest.
- (2) The meetings shall be held at senior officials level and concluded at Ministerial level.
- (3) These meetings shall be held alternately in Accra and Pretoria.
- (4) A Party can request for an extraordinary meeting, if the need arises.

ARTICLE 3

Costs

- (1) The Parties shall facilitate the exchange of experiences between their respective administrative bodies.
- (2) The Parties agree to hold two or three-day meetings for their respective bodies, the organisational costs of which shall be borne by the convening Party.
- (3) The costs contemplated in sub-Article (2) shall exclude international travel and accommodation of the visiting side. These costs shall be borne by the sending Party.
- (4) These meetings relate to the issues set out in Article 1. Modalities of the meetings shall be fixed through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 4

Contacts

Diplomatic Missions of the Parties accredited to third countries, the African Union and the United Nations and other international organisations shall increase their contacts to strengthen the exchange of ideas on the issues set out in Article 1 in line with existing modalities laid down through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 5

Training and programmes

The Parties shall examine the possibility of organising training and refresher programmes for officials of their Institutions.