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**Argentina
and
South Africa**

Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Argentine Republic and the Government of the Republic of South Africa concerning defence cooperation. Buenos Aires, 20 November 2010

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

CONCERNING

DEFENCE COOPERATION

PREAMBLE

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

COGNISANT of the provisions of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Argentine Republic on the Establishment of a Binational Commission;

WISHING to establish formal relationships between their respective Departments and / or Ministries of Defence and Armed Forces;

CONVINCED that mutual understanding, the exchange of information and increased cooperation between their respective Departments and / or Ministries of Defence and Armed Forces shall contribute to regional and international peace and security;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

AIM

The aim of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as this "MOU") is to formalise and enhance the bilateral defence cooperation between the Parties by establishing a framework of cooperation between them.

ARTICLE 2

SCOPE AND AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Parties shall encourage bilateral defence cooperation in accordance with the domestic law in force in their respective countries and their international obligations in the following areas:

- (a) The exchange of information on defence policy;
- (b) reciprocal visits by high-ranking representatives from their Departments and / or Ministries of Defence and Armed Forces, including ship visits;
- (c) the exchange of knowledge and expertise on UN Mandated Peace Missions;
- (d) Antarctic missions;
- (e) Search-and Rescue Operations in the southern Atlantic Ocean;
- (f) the exchange of students for purposes of defence education and training;
- (g) the exchange of defence intelligence;
- (h) the participation in combined exercises including the exchange of observers for such exercises;

- (i) Defence Science, Technology and Industrial Cooperation;
- (j) cooperation on military health matters;
- (k) the establishment of cultural and sports links between their respective Armed Forces;
- (l) the exchange of military diplomatic representatives; and
- (m) any other areas as agreed to.

ARTICLE 3

IMPLEMENTATION

- (1) In order to implement the provisions of this MOU, the Parties shall establish the RSA - Argentina Defence Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Defence Committee").
- (2) The Defence Committee shall meet regularly, as mutually agreed to, alternately in South Africa and in Argentina.
- (3) The Defence Committee shall be composed of members from the Departments and / or Ministries of Defence and Armed Forces of both Parties and shall be co-chaired by the Secretary for Defence of the Republic of South Africa and the Secretary of International Affairs of the Argentine Republic or their designated representatives.
- (4) Representatives from other state departments and organisations shall be permitted to attend Defence Committee meetings as and when necessary.
- (5) Each Party shall bear its own expenses associated with the activities of the Defence Committee.

ARTICLE 4

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- (1) Each Party shall be responsible for its own expenses associated with the implementation of this MOU, including all costs of transportation to and from the point of entry into the host country as well as all expenses concerning its personnel, including that of meals and accommodation.
- (2) Each Party shall be responsible for all expenses relating to medical and dental treatment as well as the removal or evacuation of its own injured, sick or deceased personnel.

ARTICLE 5

SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS

The Parties may enter into such further agreements of a general or specific nature as would in their opinion promote the effective implementation of this MOU.

ARTICLE 6

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between the Parties in connection with the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be resolved through consultation or negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 7

AMENDMENTS

This MOU may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 8

ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

- (1) This MOU shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof.
- (2) This MOU shall remain in force until terminated by either Party, giving six months' written notice in advance through the diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this MOU in two originals in the English and Spanish languages, all texts being equally authentic.

DONE at _____ on this _____ day of _____
in this year Two Thousand and Ten.



**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**



**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**