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**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

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

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**ON**

**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH**

## **PREAMBLE**

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

**MINDFUL** of the SADC Protocol on Health and the Africa Health Strategy: 2007-2015;

**RECOGNISING** the significance and importance of cooperation between neighbouring countries in promoting health particularly in common border areas and beyond;

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

**BEING AWARE** of the importance of health development for the future of the 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 –

- (a) “**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;

- (b) **"twinning between public institutions"** means the pairing of public institutions, including hospitals with similar functions and areas of speciality, in the two countries for purposes of implementation of this Agreement;
- (c) **"subsidiary agreement"** means an Agreement between South Africa and Namibia in respect of projects, which may be entered into by means of an Exchange of Notes.

## **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 Namibia; and
- (b) in the case of the Republic of Namibia, the Ministry of Health and Social Services or otherwise represented by the High Commission of the Republic of Namibia in the Republic of South Africa.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**AREAS OF CO-OPERATION**

- (1) Co-operation between the Parties shall take place in the following areas:
  - (a) research on and control of HIV and AIDS and malaria;
  - (b) technical professional education and training of health professionals;
  - (c) technical support to hospitals in the Republic of Namibia in the areas of management and health technology;
  - (d) sharing experiences regarding the creation of conditions for the application of telemedicine and telehealth;
  - (e) health promotion;
  - (f) research and development;
  - (g) surveillance, control and management of communicable and non-communicable diseases;
  - (h) transfer of patients to and back from South Africa;
  - (i) twinning of public institutions;
  - (j) health legislation and regulations;
  - (k) mutual assistance in the coordination and management of disaster and/or emergency situations; and
  - (l) joint cross-border activities to prevent, manage, and/or control diseases.
- (2) The named areas shall not exclude other fields of co-operation after agreement by the Parties.

**ARTICLE 5**  
**FORMS OF CO-OPERATION**

- (1) The Parties shall co-operate by –
  - (a) exchanging health professionals for purposes of sharing new techniques and technologies;