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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA**

ON

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF BIODIVERSITY

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL

MANAGEMENT

PREAMBLE

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

RECOGNISING the goals and principles stated in the Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as "CBD"), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as "CITES") and the applicable domestic legislation of both countries;

AWARE of the regional, sub-regional, global and bilateral nature of biodiversity and environmental management, conservation and protection, compliance and law enforcement issues and the urgency to find cost-effective and long-term solutions in addressing these issues through international cooperation and the importance of coordinating joint activities of the Parties;

RECOGNISING that sustainable use is an integral part of conservation as agreed to by the Parties to the CBD.

NOTING that illegal wildlife trafficking remains a global challenge;

IN THE SPIRIT of cooperation and collaboration in CITES and the CBD;

SHARING the common concerns and responsibilities of the Parties to enhance cooperation in the field of biodiversity conservation and protection, law enforcement and compliance with CITES;

CONVINCED that cooperation between the Parties in the field of biodiversity conservation and protection, law enforcement and compliance with CITES is of mutual benefit and will further promote the friendly relations between the countries of the Parties.

HEREBY AGREE as follows:—

ARTICLE 1

OBJECTIVE

I. The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") is to promote cooperation between the Parties in the field of biodiversity and environmental management, conservation and environmental protection, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit whilst promoting compliance with any relevant legislation and the Multilateral Environmental Agreements ("MEA's").

ARTICLE 2

AREAS OF COOPERATION

2. The following areas have been identified by the Parties as priority areas of cooperation:

- (a) biodiversity management, conservation and environmental protection;
- (b) promotion of biodiversity sustainable use as an integral part of conservation of species and ecosystems;
- (c) implementation of CITES, CBD and other relevant international, regional, sub-regional and bilateral binding MEAs;
- (d) compliance with domestic or policy frameworks and applicable Conventions;
- (e) capacity building in all areas of cooperation;
- (f) technology use, transfer and development in the management, conservation and protection of biodiversity;
- (g) protected areas management;
- (h) establishment of botanical gardens;
- (i) integrated marine and coastal management;
- (j) climate change; and
- (j) other areas related to the objective referred to in Article 1 as agreed upon by the Parties.