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**Between**

**the Government**

**of**

The Swiss Federal Council (hereinafter referred to as the Swiss Government) and the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe (hereinafter referred to as the Zimbabwean Government) both hereinafter jointly referred to as the Parties,

reaffirming their wish to strengthen the relations between the two countries;

desirous of reinforcing a constructive and mutually beneficial cooperation,

hereby come to the following Agreement:

**Article 1 Basis of cooperation**

Respect of human rights and democracy, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, inspires the internal and external policies of the Parties and is an essential element on an equal footing with

**Article 2 Objectives**

- (1) The objective of this Agreement is to promote and strengthen international cooperation;
- (2) The Parties should promote and support the development of legislation, the realisation of projects in Zimbabwe. The Parties should support the development of people's livelihood, to support the Zimbabwean society, peace, the respect for human rights and democracy;
- (3) Projects covered by this Agreement should be aligned with the principles of the Agreement.

**Article 3 Forms and areas of cooperation**

- (1) The cooperation can take the form of joint projects in the field of human security projects and other areas of cooperation may be applied.

- (2) The cooperation may include the participation of donors or organisations,
- (3) Aligned in particular to the objectives of the cooperation should take:
  - (a) strengthening services
  - (b) strengthening institutions
  - (c) promoting peace and stability
  - (d) promoting sustainable development cooperation
  - (e) other areas of cooperation

**Article 4 Modes of cooperation**

- (1) The Parties should cooperate to successfully accomplish the objectives of the Agreement.
- (2) To give effect to the Agreement, the Parties shall conclude Subsidiary Agreements for the implementation of activities and projects, as well as for the financing of such activities and projects.
- (3) The Parties reiterate their commitment to the projects undertaken under the Agreement. The Parties shall provide for regular consultations on the progress of the implementation.

**Article 5 Scope of application**

The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to:

- (1) Projects mutually agreed between the Parties, respectively central, provincial or local Government of Zimbabwe on the one hand and the other Party on the other hand.
- (2) Projects with public or private financing from the Government of Zimbabwe.
- (3) Activities resulting from the Agreement, co-financed by Switzerland or other donors through multilateral institutions.

**Article 6 Privileges and immunities**

- (1) The ROZ recognizes the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Cooperation (SDC) as the official representative of the Office and its representatives.

are not citizens of Zimbabwe  
for in the Vienna Convention

- (2) In order to facilitate the  
exempt all equipment, supplies  
Switzerland and its extensions  
needs of project implementation  
customs duties, dues and taxes  
re-exportation under the
- (3) The ROZ shall facilitate  
currency initiated by  
mandated by the Swiss
- (4) Foreign experts, executives  
implementation of the project  
families, shall be exempt from  
taxation, custom duties and  
belongings (household  
personal equipment) at  
shall provide free of cost  
families with all residence  
required.

#### **Article 7 Competent authorities**

The Competent Authorities responsible

- (1) For Switzerland, the Federal
- (2) For the ROZ, the Ministry

#### **Article 8 Prevention of corruption**

- (1) The Parties share a  
corruption jeopardizes  
development and endanger
- (2) The Parties declare that  
therefore the Parties shall  
and take action against
- (3) Failure to do so constitutes  
relevant Project Agreement  
resulting award, or to take  
and
- (4) Any person or public official  
directly or indirectly, acting  
influence the awarding  
during the execution of  
guilty of corrupt activity.