

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA**

AND

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

ON

**A FRAMEWORK FOR BILATERAL CO-
OPERATION**

PREAMBLE

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

CONSIDERING the need for the promotion of co-operation between sister countries within the African Union;

DESIRING the reinforce friendship and co-operation between the parties in different fields;

RECOGNIZING the need for adopting measures to increase co-operation between the parties;

PURSUANT to the domestic law in force in their respective countries and with respect for the independence and sovereignty of the Parties;

HEREBY AGREE to follows:

ARTICLE 1

SCOPE

The Parties agree to strengthen their relationship in all areas of common interest including the political, social, cultural, scientific and technical sectors within the spirit of African solidarity.

ARTICLE 2

AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

The Parties shall co-operate, *inter alia*, in the following areas:

- (a) International relations;
- (b) trade and investment
- (c) mining and geology;
- (d) agriculture;
- (e) animal husbandry;

- (f) water affairs and forestry;
- (g) energy;
- (h) health;
- (i) tourism;
- (j) transport;
- (k) arts and culture;
- (l) education;
- (m) town planning and housing;
- (n) public works;
- (o) communication;
- (p) fishing;
- (q) environment;
- (r) youth and sports;
- (s) economy and finance;
- (t) justice;
- (u) defence;
- (v) internal security; and
- (w) war veterans affairs

ARTICLE 3

JOINT CONSULTATION FORUM

- (1) The parties shall establish a Joint Consultation Forum at official's level.
- (2) The Joint Consultation Forum shall consist of officials representing each Party.

- (3) The Forum shall monitor the implementation of this Agreement and shall identify further areas of cooperation.
- (4) The Forum shall meet annually alternately in the Republic of South Africa and Republic of Liberia.

ARTICLE 4

PARTNERSHIPS

- (1) The Parties shall encourage partnerships between public or private institutions in their respective countries involved in the sectors and areas specified in Articles 1 and 2.
- (2) The Parties shall promote partnerships between their private sectors in accordance with the domestic law in force in their respective countries and in consideration of their commitments to sub-regional, regional and international organisations of which they are members.

ARTICLE 5

FACILITATION OF ENTRY

A Party shall facilitate the entry into its country, in accordance with the domestic law in force in that country, of nationals from the other Party for purposes of the implementation of projects set up under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6

SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS

- (1) Pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, the Parties shall conclude specific agreements or arrangements with regard to the sectors referred to in Article 2.
- (2) The agreements or arrangements contemplated in sub-Article (1) shall specify inter alia,-
 - (a) the objectives to be reached;
 - (b) the work schedules;

- (c) the rights and obligations of the Parties;
- (d) the financing requirements; and
- (e) the organization and structures necessary for implementation.

ARTICLE 7

SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the application, implementation or interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 8

AMENDMENTS

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

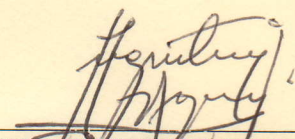
ARTICLE 9

ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

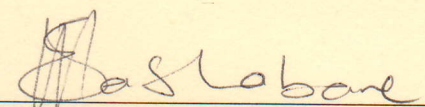
- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof.
- (2) This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years where after it shall be renewed by tacit agreement for further periods of five (5) years unless terminated in accordance with sub-Article (3).
- (3) This Agreement may be terminated by either Party given six (6) months written notice in advance through the diplomatic channel to the other party of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Agreement in duplicate in English, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE at JOHANNESBURG on this 14th day of June 2015



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



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