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and  
Cyprus**

**Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus on bilateral political consultations. Nicosia, 21 September 2012**

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**Afrique du Sud  
et  
Chypre**

**Mémorandum d'accord entre le Gouvernement de la République sud-africaine et le Gouvernement de la République de Chypre relatif à des consultations politiques bilatérales. Nicosie, 21 septembre 2012**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

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

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF**  
**CYPRUS**

**ON**

**BILATERAL POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS**

**PREAMBLE**

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

**DESIROUS** to further develop and strengthen the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation and mutual understanding between the two countries and the two peoples;

**RECOGNIZING** the benefits of holding regular consultations at various levels on bilateral relations and international issues of common concern;

**REAFFIRMING** their adherence to the objectives and principles of international law and legality, to the Charter of the United Nations and to the United Nations Security Council Resolutions;

**Hereby agree** as follows:

**Article 1**

**TALKS AND CONSULTATIONS**

The Parties will hold talks and consultations on a regular basis to discuss all aspects of their bilateral relations and exchange views on regional and international issues of common concern as well as strengthening cooperation and consultation on issues arising in international and regional organizations. The talks and consultations will cover all political aspects of their bilateral relations, Africa, world political developments, regional and international disputes and conflicts, and strengthening the positive role of the United Nations and other international organizations in resolving disputes and problems confronting the international community.

Article 2

**ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS**

Consultations within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding will be held, annually, at senior officials' level of the two Ministries of Foreign Affairs, and/or between the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, alternately in both countries and/or on the sidelines of the annual UN General Assembly, and as necessary and agreed by the Parties.

Article 3

**CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION**

The representatives of the two States to the United Nations and other international organizations will coordinate and consult with each other on all issues of mutual concern in a spirit of constructive cooperation.

Article 4

**POSITIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The Parties will, through special consultations, coordinate their positions on the agenda items of regular and international conferences.

Article 5

**DATE AND AGENDA OF CONSULTATIONS**

The date and agenda of the consultations will be decided by the two Parties through the diplomatic channels.

Article 6

**AMENDMENT**

This Memorandum of Understanding will be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes through the diplomatic channel.

Article 7

**SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultations between the Parties.

Article 8

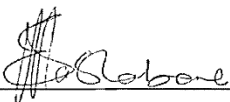
**ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

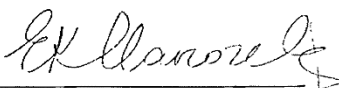
(1) This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof.

- (2) This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, and will be automatically extended for another 5-year period each time, unless terminated by either Party in accordance with sub-article (3).
- (3) This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party giving three (3) months' written notice in advance through the diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Memorandum of Understanding in two originals in the English language.

DONE at Nicosia on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of SEPT 2012.

  
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH  
AFRICA

  
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS