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et
État de Palestine**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON

POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
STATE OF PALESTINE**

PREAMBLE

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

Acknowledging the friendly and fraternal relations, which have always existed between their States and People;

Desirous to further develop and strengthen understanding and solidarity between their People and to ensure their well being;

Recognizing the need to create a permanent mechanism for regular political consultations between the two States on matters of common interest;

Convinced that developing friendly relations and cooperation between their two States will also contribute to international and regional peace, security and prosperity

Hereby agrees as follows:

ARTICLE 1

- (1) The Parties shall hold political consultations on bilateral relations and on regional, international and other issues of common interest.
- (2) Such consultations shall be held twice a year, at Senior Officials’ level, alternately in South Africa and Palestine, the consultations can also be held within the margins of international conferences and meetings.
- (3) The date and agenda shall be determined by consultations through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 2

The Permanent Missions of both Parties to international organisations shall maintain contact and have consultations on issues of mutual interest, as required, and prepare and approve the agenda and date of the consultations in advance.

ARTICLE 3

The two Parties will encourage contacts between institutions and academic institutions of their States specialized in the field of international relations and foreign policy.

ARTICLE 4

The two Parties will encourage contacts between cultural and civil society institutions as well as cooperation between private sector associations and their States.

ARTICLE 5

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

ARTICLE 6

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual consent between the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between them through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 7

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the day of signature and shall remain in force for an unlimited period, but may be terminated by either Party at any time

by giving six months written notice in advance through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.

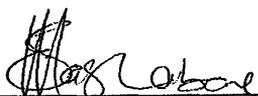
ARTICLE 8

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be –

- (a) in the case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of International Relations and Cooperation; and
- (b) in the case of the Government of the State of Palestine, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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 PRETORIA..... on this 26 day of NOVEMBER..... 2014



**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF SOUTH AFRICA**



**GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF
PALESTINE**