

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

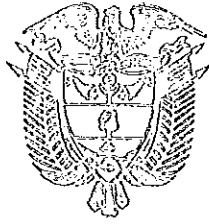
**THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA

ON

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS



The Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia, hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Signatories” and in the singular as a “Signatory”.

DESIRING to further strengthen the friendship and cooperation in areas of mutual interest;

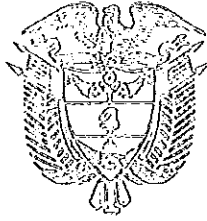
RECOGNISING the benefits of holding consultations and exchanging point of views, periodically at different levels, on bilateral relations and international affairs of mutual interest;

REITERATING their conviction that developing friendly relations between the Signatories will contribute to international peace and security, confidence building and international cooperation;

HEREBY RECORD THE UNDERSTANDING TO COOPERATE AS FOLLOWS:

PARAGRAPH 1

1. The Signatories undertake to hold periodical political consultations at Senior Officials level as designated by the two Foreign Ministers with the goal of reviewing the current state of bilateral relations, reaching agreement on measures to enhance the relations between the Signatories and exchanging views on regional and international affairs of mutual interest and exchanging topics in the international agenda.
2. In addition to regular consultations, the Signatories undertake to hold meetings between experts or establish working groups to discuss specific areas of mutual interest.



PARAGRAPH 2

The consultations may be held every two (2) years, or whenever necessary, alternately in Pretoria and Bogotá, or in the framework of the United Nation's activities and other multilateral forums attended by both countries. The dates, venues, agenda and level of representation of each consultation meeting may be decided through appropriate diplomatic channels.

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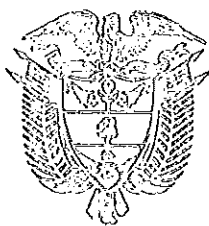
1. By means of this mechanism of political consultations, the Signatories undertake to encourage and support various forms of cooperation, as well as the negotiation, subscription and implementation of bilateral and international agreements.

Cooperation may be implemented via subscription of specific international instruments, which may be executed by the competent public entities of both countries.

2. The Signatories undertake to encourage their Diplomatic and Consular Missions, as well as their Permanent Missions to the United Nations and other international organisations to enhance coordination, cooperation and exchange of views and information, as well as to mutual support when possible, in areas of bilateral interest.

PARAGRAPH 4

The consultations and their results may be made public, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Signatories.



PARAGRAPH 5

The Memorandum of Understanding may be amended upon the mutual written consent of the Signatories. The amendments will become effective on the date of their signature.

PARAGRAPH 6

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective on the date of its signature for a five (5) year period. It may be renewed automatically for a period of five (5) years, unless either Signatory notifies the other about its intention to terminate this Agreement six months prior to its expiration.

Done at the city of Bogotá, Colombia on the 9th of March 2015 in duplicate in Spanish and English, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
AND COOPERATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
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COLOMBIA

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Deputy Minister of International
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