

## **DECLARATION OF INTENT**

Declaration of intent between between the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) of Education of the Free State Province, Mr M. Dukoana and Dr Luc Van den Bossche, Vice-President, Minister of Civil Service, Minister of Education of Flanders (Belgium), and Chairman of the Flemish Association for Development Co-operation and Technical Assistance (VVOB).

### **1. INTENTION**

Within the legal competencies of both parties, the Flemish Government, represented by the Vice-President and Minister of Education and the Free State Province, represented by the MEC for Education, agree to start a prospective co-operation in the domains of curriculum development, learning materials and teacher training in the New National Learning Programme for the period of 1997 - 1999.

### **2. DOMAINS**

In terms of the educational priorities, resources and expertise of both parties, co-operation will be organised in the following domains:

- 2.1 All relevant aspect of maths, science and technology; inter alia, curriculum and materials development and teacher training in the Free State Education Institute.
- 2.2 The equipment in information technology for an agreed number of "Localised Learning Centres".

### **3. ACTION PLAN**

- 3.1 Both parties would like to implement this intent as far as reasonably practicable. For this to happen, an action plan, including its budgetary implications and reciprocal commitments, will have to be worked out for each of the above domains.

- 3.2 Partnerships with non-governmental organisations, centres and institutes will be established to facilitate and realise the objectives of this intent.
- 3.3 The MEC for the Free State Province Department of Education designates the Head of Department of Education as the co-ordinator of this agreement.
- 3.4 The Minister of Education of Flanders designates VVOB as the co-ordinator of this agreement.
- 3.5 In a first phase, both parties agree on a co-operation for teacher upgrading in maths, science and technology, especially in the framework of the Department of Education, the Education Institute and the "Localised Local Centres".

#### 4. EVALUATION

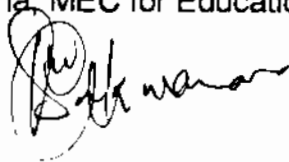
Both formative and summative evaluations will be carried out. The first progress report should be submitted to both Ministers within six months from the date of inception.

#### 5. PROCEDURES

All matters relating to the implementation of this "Declaration of Intent" will be settled by an Exchange of Letters.

Signed on this day, the 31st of October 1996 by

Mr M. Dukoana, MEC for Education of the Free State Province



and

Dr Luc Van den Bossche, Vice-President, Minister of Education, Minister of Civil Service and Chairman of VVOB

