

DECLARATION OF INTENT

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC

OF SOUTH AFRICA AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS

HEREAFTER referred to as "the Parties"

IN THEIR wish to strengthen ties of friendship and cooperation between both countries, their mutual trust and belief in shared values of freedom, democracy, justice and solidarity.

CONSIDERING that the historical changes in South Africa have created the possibility to achieve durable democracy and economic development in an open, tolerant, non-racial and multi-cultural society.

CONSIDERING that many Flemish live and are active in South Africa with whom a bond exists arising from the close and historic relationship between the Dutch and Afrikaans languages.

THE PARTIES HEREBY DECLARE THEIR INTENTIONS TO :

1. Consolidate and augment bilateral relations in order to establish the widest possible cooperation in all spheres within the competencies of the Parties;
2. Utilise and incorporate the renewed cooperation in the process of durable economic and social reconstruction and development in South Africa;
3. In view hereof, to broaden existing contacts, to explore new cooperation possibilities, to develop and encourage joint projects, especially in the fields of education and training, small and medium business, housing, rural development, social development and sciences;
4. Strengthen mutual cultural and linguistic cooperation, acknowledging the equality of the diverse language groups and aiming at encouraging a multicultural and tolerant society;
5. Encourage the cooperation and exchange between respective institutions, organisations and enterprises of the Parties in the abovementioned endeavours willing to be incorporated in the process of reconstruction and development in South Africa;
6. Work towards a general cooperation agreement, which will include all the relevant spheres of competence of the Parties, and that this will form the framework for durable cooperation between the Parties.

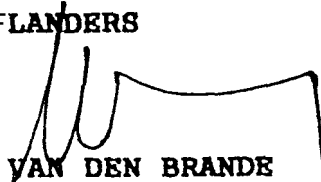
Signed at Pretoria on this Fourth day of November 1994,
in Dutch and English, each language having equal value
in the interpretation hereof.

Aziz Pahad

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
AFRICA

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OF FLANDERS



VAN DEN BRANDE
MINISTER PRESIDENT

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