

DECLARATION OF INTENT

IN RESPECT OF

THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF SMALL, MEDIUM AND MICRO ENTERPRISES (SMMEs) IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

ENTERED INTO BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PREAMBLE

Whereas the Government of Flanders and the Government of the Republic of South Africa

Wish to promote the development and promotion of Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) in **South Africa** and to broaden the scope of cooperation in the area of small, medium and micro enterprises of both countries;

And whereas the parties wish to take into account discussions held at ministerial level of other possible areas of common interests which may be identified in future;

The parties hereby enter into this Declaration of Intent:

ARTICLE 1

The parties shall endeavour to cooperate with each other to support the development and promotion of small, medium and micro enterprises in South Africa.

ARTICLE 2

The following areas have been identified for purposes of such co-operation :

- 2.1. The conversion of buildings, including those which were previously owned by the Small Business Development Corporation, into incubators for small businesses;
- 2.2. The establishment and operation of a training centre in the province of the Free State, South Africa;
- 2.3. An exposure visit by South Africans to Flanders in order to gain insight into, and experience in, the areas set out in 2.1 and 2.2. above;
- 2.4. To encourage cooperation between small businesses from Flanders and South Africa.

ARTICLE 3

The implementation of the specific activities hereunder, may be made in the appropriate manner by either party.

ARTICLE 4

In order to effectively implement the activities hereunder

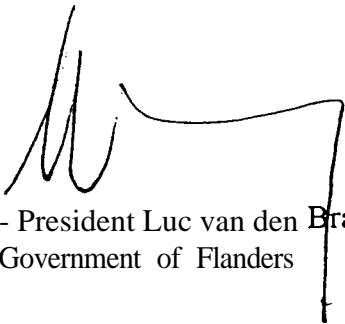
- 4.1. The Government of the Republic of South Africa will be responsible for the coordination of proposals in respect of the incubators and the training centre, detailing the nature of the cooperation as set out herein. Other relevant stakeholders such as provincial governments may participate in these programmes.
- 4.2. The Government of Flanders will be responsible for the preparation of a proposal in respect of the exposure visit to Flanders.

ARTICLE 5


- 5.1. This Declaration of Intent shall commence on the date of signature hereof
- 5.2. The termination of the Declaration of Intent shall not affect the completion of any project or programme undertaken hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorised thereto have signed this Declaration of Intent.

DONE at *Pretoria* this *28th* day of *October* 1996



Minister- President Luc van den Brande
For the Government of Flanders



Minister Alec Erwin
For the Republic of South Africa