

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

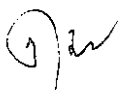

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH**

AND

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

**ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR
DIPLOMATIC CONSULTATIONS**



PREAMBLE

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter referred to jointly as the "Parties" and separately as a "Party");

DESIRING to develop and strengthen the traditional relations of friendship and mutually advantageous co-operation between the two countries and peoples;

TAKING COGNISANCE of the fact that relations between South Africa and Bangladesh have strengthened since 1994;

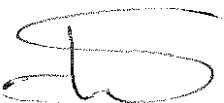
WORKING JOINTLY for the safeguarding of international peace and co-operation, as well as to propagate international co-operation and exchanges in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

ESTABLISHMENT OF A MECHANISM FOR REGULAR DIPLOMATIC CONSULTATIONS

1. The Parties shall establish a mechanism for regular political consultations, whereby senior officials of the Parties shall meet once a year to hold consultations on bilateral relations, as well as regional and international matters of mutual interest.
2. The Parties shall agree to the venue, time and agenda of the meetings, which shall be finalised whenever possible at least six (6) weeks in advance of such a meeting.



ARTICLE 2

OBJECTIVES

1. The Parties shall promote contact between their diplomatic and consular missions in third countries to exchange views on matters of mutual interest.
2. The Permanent Missions of the Parties to the United Nations, the African Union and other international organisations, as well as their representatives attending international conferences, shall maintain regular contact and shall whenever necessary, consult each other on matters of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 3

AREAS OF COOPERATION

The subject matter of the consultations referred to in Article 1 shall include, *inter alia*, the following:

- a) Issues concerning the strengthening of their bilateral co-operation;
and
- b) Other international issues of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 4

MEETINGS

1. Either Party may request, should the need arise, to hold extraordinary meetings.
2. Each Party shall bear the expenses for the attendance of their respective delegations to the meetings. The costs for the organisation of the meetings shall be borne by the host Party who shall provide all secretarial and administrative services for the meeting.



ARTICLE 5
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute 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
AMENDMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended in writing by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

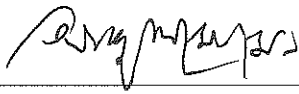
ARTICLE 7
ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force when both Parties have notified each other in writing through diplomatic channel that their respective constitutional requirements for entry into force of this MoU have been met.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years whereafter it shall automatically be extended for a further period the five (5) years unless either of the Party give three (3) months' notice in advance through the diplomatic channel of its decision to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding.

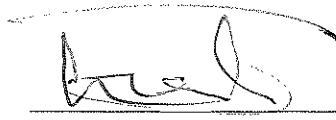


IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Memorandum of Understanding in two (2) originals in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE at Dhaka, Bangladesh on this 17th day of January 2019



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THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH



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