



JOINT STATEMENT OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO REPRESENTED BY THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "MINISTRY OF
COMMUNICATIONS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY")**

(ON THE ONE PART)

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA REPRESENTED BY
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS**

(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS")

(ON THE OTHER PART)

ON

**COOPERATION AND COORDINATION ON CROSS BORDER FREQUENCY
INTERFERENCE FOR TERRESTRIAL SERVICES AND OTHER RELATED
MATTERS**

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PREAMBLE

The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho through its Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology and the Government of the Republic of South Africa, through its Ministry of Communications (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Participants" and in the singular as a "Participant");

BASED on regular meetings and high level consultations between the Heads of State and Governments and bilateral meetings between the Lesotho Minister of Communications, Science and Technology and the South African Minister of Communications;

DESIRING to further strengthen and deepen the friendly relations which prevail between the Kingdom of Lesotho (hereinafter referred to as "Lesotho") and the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter referred to as "South Africa") in accordance with the Treaty of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), and other instruments on regional integration;

DETERMINED to find new approaches and strategies for consolidating, expanding and deepening areas of economic development, industrial, and trade cooperation between Lesotho and South Africa, with specific focus on cooperation and coordination of cross border frequency interference for terrestrial services and other related matters which will be firmly guided by the principles of national sovereignty, opportunities to implement world class projects, and of win-win outcomes; and

HAVE AGREED TO COOPERATE AS FOLLOWS:



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ARTICLE 1

PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

- 1.1 The Participants will cooperate and coordinate with relevant public and private institutions within their territories on cross border frequency interference for terrestrial services and other related matters.

ARTICLE 2

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

- 2.1 The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Joint Statement of Cooperation will be:
 - 2.1.1 in the case of Lesotho, the **Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology**; and
 - 2.1.2 in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the **Ministry of Communications**.
- 2.2 The competent authorities will conclude a Memorandum of Understanding to give effect to this Joint Statement of Cooperation.



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ARTICLE 3

AREAS OF COOPERATION

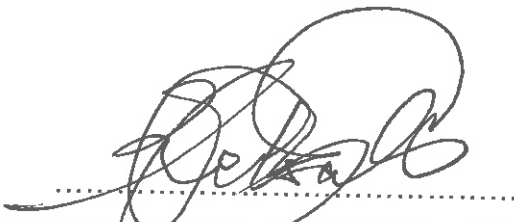
- 3.1. After taking into account the progress made by the two countries in the digital migration programme and the imminent ITU GE-06, 17 June 2015 deadline, the Ministers have agreed to cooperate in mitigating cross border frequency interference that may occur as a result of International protection of analogue frequencies coming to an end.
- 3.2. To give effect to this arrangement, the Ministers agree to focus on the following areas of cooperation:
- (a) establish a joint task team to facilitate the engagements between the two countries;
 - (b) enhance collaboration and cooperation of the regulators in addressing matters of mutual interest on cross border frequency interference on terrestrial services and other related matters;
 - (c) sharing of plans with regard to the roadmap for the release and use of digital dividend for other services as and when may be necessary;
 - (d) sharing of technical implementation best practice;
 - (e) engagement on the areas of cooperation in content development and information dissemination to facilitate social cohesion and integration; and
 - (f) further engagement towards the development and implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding.

The foregoing represents the intention between the Participants on matters referred to in this Joint Statement of Cooperation.

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THUS, DONE AND SIGNED AT MASERU, LESOTHO, ON THE 27TH DAY OF MAY
2015

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM
OF LESOTHO



MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS,
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
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