

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & MILITARY VETERANS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**21. Mr S P Mhlongo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

What (a) number of co-operation agreements does the SA National Defence Force have with defence forces of other nations, (b) are the names of the specified nations and (c) are the details of each of the agreements? NW25E

**REPLY:**

1. Please find herewith the written reply as follows:

a. Question a: What number of cooperation agreements does the SA National Defence Force have with defence forces of other nations?

Answer: Since 1994, the Department of Defence, on behalf of the South African Government has entered into 101 x binding international agreements with 63 x foreign governments, 1 x multilateral organisation (UN) and 1 x trilateral agreement (RSA, Mozambique, Tanzania) in terms of Section 231(3) of the Constitution of the RSA, No 108 of 1996 and which are currently all in force.

b. Questions b and c: What are the names of the specified countries and what are the details of each of the agreements?

Answer: (See below)

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| **Serial No** | **Country / Org** |  | Type of Agreement | **Date Signed** | **Duration** |
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| 1 | Algeria | Agreement – Cooperation in the Field of Defence | Def Coop | 22 Sep 00 | 10 yrs – extended for a further period |
| 2 | Angola | Protocol – Defence cooperation | Def Coop | 17 Feb 05 | 5 yrs – automatically renewed unless terminated |
| 3 | Argentina | Agreement – Exchange of Information on Maritime Traffic | Exchange of Maritime Info | 30 Aug 91 | Open-ended |
| 4 | Argentina | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 20 Nov 10 | Open-ended |
| 5 | Argentina | Additional Protocol – Protection of Classified Information exchanged between the Parties within the Framework of Defence Cooperation | Protection of Class Info | 20 Nov 10 | Open-ended |
| 6 | Argentina | Agreement – Peacetime Cooperation between their Respective Navies | Def Coop | Oct 97 | Open-ended |
| 7 | Australia | Agreement – Reciprocal Protection of Classified Information of Defence Interest | Protection of Class Info | 11 May 00 | Review after every 5 yrs |
| 8 | Belarus | Agreement – Military-Technical Cooperation | Def Coop | 29 Sep 06 | 5 yrs – automatically extended for 5 yrs periods |
| 9 | Belgium | Agreement – Military Partnership | Def Coop | 28 Feb 06 | Open-ended |
| 10 | Benin | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 24 Jun 08 | Open-ended |
| 11 | Botswana | Technical Arrangement – Military Health Services Cooperation | Def Coop | 2 Mar 11 | Open-ended |
| 12 | Brazil | Agreement – Cooperation in Defence Related Matters | Def Coop | 4 Jun 03 | Open-ended |
| 13 | Bulgaria | Agreement – Cooperation in the Fields of Defence and Defence Technology | Def & Tech Coop | Jul 97 | 5 yrs – automatically remain in force after expiration |
| 14 | Burundi | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 11 Aug 11 | 5 yrs – automatically remains in force after expiration |
| 15 | Central African Republic | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 31 Dec 12 | 5 yrs – extended for successive 5 yrs period |
| 16 | Chile | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 11 Oct 06 | 5 yrs – automatically renewed |
| 17 | Rep of Congo (Brazzaville) | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 14 Apr 08 | 6 yrs – renewed automatically unless terminated |
| 18 | Cuba | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 10 Jan 12 | Open-ended |
| 19 | Czech Republic | Arrangement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 9 Nov 99 | Open-ended |
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| 20 | DRC | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 18 Jun 04 | 3 yrs – renewed automatically unless terminated by either party |
| 21 | DRC | MOU – Practical Assistance to the Government of the DRC on the Integration of the Armed Forces of the DRC in accordance with the Terms of the Defence Cooperation Agreement signed between them | Project Coop | 18 Jun 04 | 3 yrs – renewed automatically |
| 22 | Ecuador | MOU – Defence-Industrial Cooperation | Def Ind Coop | 3 Nov 11 | Open-ended |
| 23 | Egypt | Protocol – Intelligence Cooperation | Int Coop | 24 Jan 00 | 5 yrs – automatically renewed |
| 24 | Equatorial Guinea | Agreement – Cooperation on Defence and Security | Def Coop | 16 Feb 04 | In force unless terminated by either Party |
| 25 | Equatorial Guinea | Status of the SANDF Personnel and Associated Equipment present in the Territory of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea | SOFA | 26 Jun 14 | 5 yrs – automatically renewed |
| 26 | Ethiopia | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 13 Feb 09 | In force for period of 6 yrs – thereafter automatically renewed for 6 more yrs |
| 27 | Finland | MOU – Cooperation in the Fields of Defence Research, Development, Production and Procurement of Defence Equipment and Industrial Cooperation | Def Ind Coop | 29 Nov 13 | 10 yrs |
| 28 | France | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 28 May 98 | Open-ended |
| 29 | France | Security Agreement – Exchange of Classified Information in the Field of Defence | Protection of Def Related Info | 31 Jul 01 | Open-ended |
| 30 | Germany | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 4 Oct 96 | Open-ended |
| 31 | Germany | Agreement – Cooperation in the Fields of Naval Defence Economy and Naval Technology | Def Coop | 11 Sep 97 | 5 yrs – continue for successive periods of 1 yr |
| 32 | Germany | MOU – Exchange of Medical Personnel | Exchange of Personnel | 13 Oct 96 | Open-ended |
| 33 | Germany | Agreement – Conditions for the Reciprocal Provision of Support for Information and Working Visits | Bilateral Supp | 23 Feb 98 | Open-ended |
| 34 | Germany | Agreement – Reciprocal Provision of Health Care to Military Personnel in the Military Attaché Service | Bilateral Supp | 23 Feb 98 | Open-ended |
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| 35 | Germany | Agreement – Cooperation in the Field of Defence Economy and Defence Technology | Def Ind Coop | 25 Jun 99 | 5 yrs – continue for successive period of 1 yr |
| 36 | Germany | MOU – Joint Execution of Helicopter Cross Deck Operations within the Scope of Maritime Cooperation | Trg Coop | 29 Jan 03 | Open-ended |
| 37 | Germany | Agreement – Provision of Equipment Aid | Bilateral Supp | 5 Apr 02 | Open-ended |
| 38 | Germany | Specific Arrangement – Training of Members of the RSA Armed Forces at *Bundeswehr* Facilities as Part of Military Training Assistance | Trg coop | 12 Aug 02 | Open-ended |
| 39 | Gabon | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 2 Nov 06 | Automatically renewed after 5 yrs |
| 40 | Ghana | Agreement – Defence Training and Technical Cooperation | Def Coop | 6 Oct 00 | 5 yrs – automatically renewed for further periods of 5 yrs |
| 41 | Guinea-Bissau | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 8 Aug 07 | Open-ended |
| 42 | India | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 27 Sep 00 | 3 yrs – automatically renewed |
| 43 | India | Agreement – Supplies of Defence Equipment | Def Inc Coop | 11 Dec 03 | Open-ended |
| 44 | India | MOU – Training of SAN Personnel by the Indian navy | Trg Coop | 8 Jun 06 | Open-ended |
| 45 | Indonesia | MOU – Cooperative Activities in the Field of Defence | Def Coop | 17 Mar 08 | 5 yrs – automatically renewed for another term |
| 46 | Iran | MOU – Cooperation in the Field of Defence | Def Coop | 13 Dec 16 | 5 yrs – automatically renewed for another term |
| 47 | Italy | Agreement – Cooperation in the Field of Defence and Defence Equipment | Def & Def Equip Coop | 12 Feb 18 |  |
| 48 | Kuwait | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 15 Jul 02 | 5 yrs – automatically extended for successive terms of 2 yrs |
| 49 | Malawi | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 25 Feb 08 | 5 yrs – renewed automatically unless terminated |
| 50 | Malaysia | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 12 Nov 96 | Open-ended |
| 51 | Malaysia | Agreement – Governing the Exchange and Protection of Classified Information in the Field of Defence | Protection of Class Info | 26 Jun 97 | Open-ended |
| 52 | Mali | Agreement – Defence and Technical Cooperation | Def & Def Ind Coop | 3 May 05 | Automatically renewed after 5 yrs for another 5 yrs |
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| 53 | Mozambique | MOU – Conduct of Combined Maritime Patrols within the Territory of the Republic of Mozambique | Bilateral Supp | 1 Jun 11 | 1 yr – automatically renewed unless terminated |
| 54 | Mozambique | Agreement – Establishment of a Joint Permanent Commission on Defence and Security | Establishment of bilateral structure | 20 Nov 07 | Open-ended |
| 55 | Namibia | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 10 Jun 97 | Open-ended |
| 56 | Netherlands | Agreement – Status of Military and Civilian Personnel of their Department / Ministry of Defence Present in Each Other's Territory for Activities related to Military Cooperation | SOFA | 8 Jun 07 | Open-ended |
| 57 | Niger | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 25 Oct 17 | Open-ended |
| 58 | Nigeria | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 7 May 13 | Open-ended |
| 59 | Oman | MOU – Military Cooperation | Def Coop | 13 Mar 12 | 5 yrs – automatically extended for a period of 5 yrs |
| 60 | Pakistan | MOU – Defence and Defence-Industrial Cooperation | Def & Def Ind Coop | 27 Mar 17 | 5 yrs – automatically renewed for another term |
| 61 | Pakistan | Agreement – Peacetime Cooperation between their Respective Navies | Def Coop | 26 Jan 98 | Subject to biennial (2 yrs) revision |
| 62 | Peoples Republic of China (PRC) | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 11 Dec 01 | 10 yrs – extended automatically for successive terms of 2 yrs |
| 63 | Poland | Agreement – Industrial, Technological and Commercial Cooperation within the Scope of the Military Industries | Def Ind Coop | 19 Sep 99 | 5 yrs – automatically be extended for indefinite period |
| 64 | Qatar | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 19 May 16 | 5 yrs – may be extended for further period of 5 yrs |
| 65 | Romania | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 7 May 03 | 5 yrs – automatically extended for periods of 1 yr at a time |
| 66 | Russian Federation | Agreement – Protection of Classified Defence and Defence-Industrial Related Information | Protection of Class Def & Def Ind Info | 18 Mar 05 | Open-ended |
| 67 | Russian Federation | Agreement – Defence Intelligence Cooperation (No Classified Information) | Def Int Coop | 27 Jun 00 | Open-ended |
| 68 | Russian Federation | Agreement – Military-Technical Cooperation | Mil Tech Coop | 26 Nov 95 | Open-ended |
| 69 | Russian Federation | Agreement – Cooperation between the two Ministries of Defence | Def Coop | 14 Jul 95 | 5 yrs – automatically extended for a new period of 5 yrs |
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| 70 | Russian Federation | Agreement – Reciprocal Protection of Intellectual Property Rights Used and Established in the Course of Bilateral Defence-Industrial Cooperation | Protection of Intellectual Property Rights | 15 May 13 | Open-ended |
| 71 | Senegal | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 20 Apr 08 | Open-ended |
| 72 | Singapore | Agreement – Military Cooperation | Def Coop | 10 Nov 97 | Open-ended |
| 73 | Singapore | Agreement – Status of Singapore Forces Deployed in the RSA | SOFA | 23 Oct 98 | Open-ended |
| 74 | Slovak Republic | Protocol on Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | Jul 97 | Open-ended |
| 75 | South Sudan | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 30 Jan 18 | Open-ended |
| 76 | Spain | MOU – Field of Defence Material | Def Ind Coop | 22 Oct 97 | 10 yrs – automatically extended for similar periods |
| 77 | Spain | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 19 Apr 07 | Open-ended |
| 78 | Sweden | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 2 Jun 00 | Open-ended |
| 79 | Sweden | General Security Agreement – Exchange of Classified Information | GSA | 2 Jun 00 | Shall be reviewed jointly by Parties within 10 yrs after effective date |
| 80 | Tanzania | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 12 Jun 99 | Open-ended |
| 81 | Tunisia | MOU – Military Cooperation | Def Coop | 6 May 05 |  |
| 82 | Uganda | MOU – Cooperation in Defence | Def Coop | 9 Nov 12 | Open-ended |
| 83 | UK | Arrangement – Mapping and Survey Cooperation and the Exchange of Geographic Materials | Exchange of Def Related Info | 2 Aug 12 | Open-ended |
| 84 | UK | General Security Arrangement – Protection of Classified Information Exchanged for the Purpose of Defence Cooperation, Production, Research and Procurement between the two Countries | GSA | 2016 | 5 yrs |
| 85 | UK | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 8 Nov 07 | Open-ended |
| 86 | UK | Bilateral Arrangement- Hydrographic Offices | Project Coop | 18 Nov 96 | Open-ended |
| 87 | UK | Supplementary Arrangement – Provision of Support during Exercises, Training and Operations | Bilateral Supp | 2 Aug 04 | Open-ended |
| 88 | UK | Administrative Arrangement – Exchange of Air force Officers | Trg Coop | 18 Mar 97 | Open-ended |
| 89 | Ukraine | Agreement – Military-Technical Cooperation | Mil-Tech Coop | 19 Jul 95 | Open-ended |
| 90 | UN | MOU – Contributing Resources to the UN Mission in the DRC (MONUC) (now MONUSCO) | SOFA | 24 Sep 01 | Valid for duration of MONUSCO |
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| 91 | UN | MOU – SAAF Aviation Unit to MONUSCO | SOFA | 29 Mar 12 | Valid from 2006 for duration of MONUSCO |
| 92 | United Arab Emirates (UAE) | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 14 Nov 11 | Open-ended |
| 93 | USA | Exchange of Notes – Provision of Excess Defence Articles | Def Coop | 23 Oct 95 | Open-ended |
| 94 | USA | Agreement – Security Measures for the Protection of Classified Military Information (GESOMIA) | Protection of Class Def Related Info | 20 Nov 98 | 5 yrs – automatically extended annually |
| 95 | USA | Exchange of Notes – Administrative and Technical Status of Visiting Forces | SOFA | 10 Jun 99 | Open-ended |
| 96 | USA | Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) | Def Ind Coop | 8 May 01 | 10 yrs – automatically extended annually |
| 97 | USA | Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement- Geospatial-Intelligence | Exchange of Class Def Related Info | Mar 13 |  |
| 98 | USA | Agreement – Defence Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation Project (RDT&E) | Def Ind Coop | 14 Apr 16 | Open-ended |
| 99 | Vietnam | MOU – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 9 May 06 | Open-ended |
| 100 | Zambia | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 2012 | 5 yrs – may be renewed for further period of 5 yrs |
| 101 | Zimbabwe | MOU – Defence Training, Technical Cooperation and Technological Transfer | Def Coop | 3 Dec 10 | Open-ended |
| 102 | Zimbabwe | Agreement – Defence Cooperation | Def Coop | 21 Feb 96 | Open-ended |
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| 103 | RSA – Mozambique – Tanzania | MOU – Maritime Security Cooperation | Trilateral Coop | 13 Dec 11 | 1 yr – automatically renewed |

\* Note: "MOU" means Memorandum of Understanding

"SOFA" means Status of Forces Agreement

"GSA" means General Security Agreement / Arrangement