

**MINISTRY**

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**394. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

(1) Whether the Government signed bilateral agreements with the (a) United Arab Emirates and/ or (b) Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; if not, by what date will each agreement be signed; if so, on what date was each agreement signed;

(2) whether each agreement has been ratified yet; if not, in each case, why not; if so, on what date was each agreement ratified? NW 1366E

**REPLY:**

1. South Africa has signed **twelve (12)** bilateral agreements with the United Arab Emirates and **eight (8)** withthe Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The areas of cooperation include economic, justice, tourism, defence, agriculture and energy collaboration.

According to the Department of International Relations and Cooperation’s records, the already signed agreements with the two countries and the dates of signature, is herewith detailed below:

1. **United Arab Emirates**

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| **Date signed/ adopted** | **Title of agreement** | **Entry into Force** |
| 17 May 1994 | [Protocol on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO24102&SE=1734&RN=0&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=722&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  19940517 |
| 18 November 1999 | [Defence Cooperation Agreement](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO24102&SE=1734&RN=1&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=1233&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  Not in force |
| 3 February  2001 | [Agreement for Air Services between and beyond the Respective Territories](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO24102&SE=1734&RN=2&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=1410&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  20010827 |
| 24 September  2005 | [Bilateral Agreement on Economic, Trade and Technical Co-operation](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO24102&SE=1734&RN=3&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=1906&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  Not in force |
| 25 April  2006 | [Memorandum of Understanding on Police Cooperation](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO24102&SE=1734&RN=4&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=1954&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  20060425 |
| 14 November 2011 | [Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the United Arab Emirates on the Establishment of a Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO24102&SE=1734&RN=5&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=2654&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  20120529 |
| 14 November 2011 | [Defence Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the United Arab Emirates](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO24102&SE=1734&RN=6&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=2652&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  20121009 |
| 14 November 2011 | [Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the United Arab Emirates on Political Consultations](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO24102&SE=1734&RN=7&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=2655&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  20111114 |
| 23 November  2015 | [Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the United Arab Emirates for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income. Plus Protocol](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO24102&SE=1734&RN=8&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=3095&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  20161123 |
| 25 September  2018 | [Extradition Treaty between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the United Arab Emirates](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO24102&SE=1734&RN=9&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=3383&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force: Ratification process underway. |
| 25 September  2018 | [Treaty between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the United Arab Emirates on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO24102&SE=1734&RN=10&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=3382&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force: Ratification process underway. |
| 25 September  2018 | [Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the United Arab Emirates on Cooperation in the Field of Social Development](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO24102&SE=1734&RN=11&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=3385&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  Not in force |

1. **Saudi Arabia**

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| 29 October 1994 | [Protocol on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO21183&SE=1732&RN=0&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=752&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  19941029 |
| 20 May 1999 | [Agreement on Economic, Trade, Investment and Technical Cooperation. Plus Protocol](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO21183&SE=1732&RN=1&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=1205&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | 20020522 (r)  Entry into force:  20020522 |
| 28 May  2000 | [Air Service Agreement](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO21183&SE=1732&RN=2&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=2199&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  Not in force |
| 3 December  2006 | [Memorandum of Understanding on Co-operation in the Field of Higher Education](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO21183&SE=1732&RN=3&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=2124&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  Not in force |
| 13 March  2007 | [Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Tax Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO21183&SE=1732&RN=4&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=2095&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  20080501 |
| 25 February 2009 | [Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO21183&SE=1732&RN=5&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=2301&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  Not in force |
| 16 February 2014 | [Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on Co-operation in the Field of Tourism](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO21183&SE=1732&RN=6&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=2910&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  20150415 |
| 27 March 2016 | [Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Government of the Republic of South Africa on Bilateral Political Consultations](http://xhqint01/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll?AC=GET_RECORD&XC=/dbtw-wpd/exec/dbtwpub.dll&BU=http%3A%2F%2Fxhqint01%2Fdbtw-wpd%2Ftextbase%2Ftreatywebsearch.htm&GI=&TN=TreatyWeb&SN=AUTO21183&SE=1732&RN=7&MR=20&TR=0&TX=1000&ES=0&XP=&RF=Printingformat2018&EF=Basic+Record+Form&DF=Web+full+record&RL=1&EL=1&DL=1&NP=1&ID=&MF=&DT=&ST=0&IR=3296&NR=0&NB=0&SV=0&SS=0&BG=&FG=&QS=TReaties+New+Master) | Entry into force:  20160327 |

1. The majority of the agreements are of a technical nature and as such, according to the Article 231 (3) of the Constitution, “binds the Republic without approval by the National Assembly (NA) and the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), but must be tabled in the NA and NCOP within a reasonable time.” In this regard, agreements only enter into force following their tabling in the NA and NCOP.

The responsibility for ensuring the ratification (if required) and tabling of the agreement rests with the relevant line function department and its Minister. Therefore, it would be incumbent of the relevant Minister to answer the question as to the ratification or tabling of such agreement.

The third column of the table above shows when the agreements were ratified.