



**TREATY**

**OF FRIENDSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP**

**BETWEEN**

**THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**AND**

**THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

The Republic of South Africa and the Russian Federation (hereinafter, jointly referred to as the "Parties", and in the singular as a "Party");

**GUIDED** by the desire of the peoples of South Africa and Russia to strengthen friendship, promote mutual understanding, all-round cooperation and equitable relations;

**REAFFIRMING** their commitment to the Declaration on Principles of Friendly Relations and Partnership, signed by the Presidents of the Republic of South Africa and the Russian Federation on 29 April 1999;

**REAFFIRMING** their commitment to the objectives and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

**RECALLING** the historically important links between the peoples of South Africa and Russia and their joint efforts to eradicate all forms of discrimination and to promote democracy;

**BEING FIRMLY COMMITTED** to ensuring respect for basic human rights and freedoms and to promoting the reform and development of their respective societies in the interest of all their citizens;

**EXPRESSING** their concern over continuing ethnic and religious conflicts and acts of terrorism endangering internal and international stability;

**CONSCIOUS** of the need for closer cooperation to protect the global environment, natural riches and resources for the benefit of present and future generations;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

## **Article 1**

- (1) The Parties regard each other as friendly nations and shall develop relations of partnership based on commonality of their vital national interests, on the ideals of freedom, democracy, equality and the universally recognised principles and norms of International Law, and according to the goals and principles of the United Nations Charter.
- (2) The Parties shall maintain regular dialogue at the level of the political leadership of their two countries on key issues of bilateral relations, as well as on problems posing threats to international peace and security, and, in accordance with this Treaty, shall enter into consultations in situations posing threats to the security of both Parties.
- (3) The Parties shall conduct regular consultations at different levels including those in accordance with the Protocol on Consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa.

## **Article 2**

- (1) The Parties shall work towards a more just and democratic multipolar world order based on collective lines, equal partnership of states, non-intervention in each other's internal affairs, mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, adherence to other commonly accepted principles and norms of International Law, creation of conditions for an equal access to development and benefits of globalisation and participation in world affairs.

- (2) The Parties shall collaborate with a view to create and ensure the successful functioning of the universal system of collective security based on the United Nations Charter.
- (3) The Parties reaffirm the central role of the United Nations Organization in international affairs in the maintenance of international peace and security, the promotion of development, respect for human rights and respect for International Law.
- (4) The Parties shall continue to contribute to the strengthening of the United Nations Organisation and enhancement of its efficiency through reforms that will increase input of the activity of the Organisation, and shall undertake joint efforts to promote cooperation in the United Nations Organisation and other international organizations aimed at ensuring international peace and security and peaceful settlement of conflicts.
- (5) The Parties shall cooperate closely in resolving conflicts and ensuring peace and security in areas of mutual concern.
- (6) The Parties shall interact practically with the aim of enhancing the peace-keeping potential of the United Nations Organisation and of regional international organizations, of contributing to the training of personnel for peace-keeping operations, and of exchanging experience in the sphere of preventative and peace-keeping diplomacy.
- (7) The Parties reaffirm their commitments under the relevant multilateral disarmament and non-proliferation instruments related to weapons of mass destruction, including the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (1968), the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and their Destruction (1993), the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their

Destruction (1972).

- (8) The Parties also reaffirm the need to strengthen the relevant multilateral disarmament and non-proliferation instruments in order to enhance international stability and security.
- (9) The Parties undertake to work together at various international fora discussing arms control and disarmament issues and confidence and security building measures and to cooperate with regard to the control of exports of conventional arms, particularly small arms and light weapons, in order to prevent the excessive accumulation of such arms, especially in Africa. The Parties shall cooperate in regional and international efforts to solve the problem of the uncontrolled spread of and illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, especially in Africa.
- (10) The Parties shall continue their efforts aimed at eliminating antipersonnel mines.
- (11) The Parties shall cooperate to ensure growing attention to African issues from the international community, including the G8 nations, emphasising the reduction of the debt burden and providing conditions for the sustained development of the countries of the continent, as well as supporting African and international initiatives aimed at reaching these goals, such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development.
- (12) The Parties shall support each other's efforts aimed at promoting cooperation with leading regional organizations, including the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Southern African Development Community.
- (13) The Parties consider the Non-Aligned Movement as an important factor in the establishment of a new world order that would fully take into account legitimate interests of both developed and developing countries, and undertake to cooperate to enhance the

role of the Non-Aligned Movement as a dynamic and constructive force in international relations.

### Article 3

- (1) The Parties shall cooperate in the fight against international terrorism, as well as other forms of international crime, such as the illegal international trade in narcotics, arms and cultural and historical objects and money laundering.
- (2) In accordance with the domestic law in force in their countries and their international obligations and mutual interests, the Parties shall coordinate endeavours to safeguard the global environment, natural riches and the optimal use of non-renewable resources.
- (3) The Parties shall endeavour to facilitate the development of contacts between the Parliaments of both states.
- (4) The Parties shall promote the development of cooperation between the Armed Forces of the two states and military-technological cooperation on the basis of the existing agreements.
- (5) The Parties shall endeavour to establish favourable conditions for long-term development of trade and economic cooperation between their two countries. For this purpose the Parties shall actively use the Joint Intergovernmental Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation between the Republic of South Africa and the Russian Federation.
- (6) The Parties shall expand bilateral ties in science and technology on the basis of the existing Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Russian Federation on Scientific and Technological Cooperation and through the Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation.
- (7) The Parties shall develop cooperation in the field of international

transport by sea and air, the defence industry, aviation and space, power generation, fisheries, health care, culture, education and arts, tourism and sport, consular matters, social and labour matters and also in the sphere of information.

- (8) The Parties shall promote the development of cooperation in the economic, science and technology and cultural fields between the administrative territories of the Russian Federation and the provinces of the Republic of South Africa respectively, including local government authorities in accordance with the national legislation of each of the Parties. The Parties shall encourage cooperation between non-governmental organisations of the Republic of South Africa and the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 4**

The Parties confirm that this Treaty shall not detract from any rights obtained or obligations incurred by virtue of any other international agreement to which they are party.

#### **Article 5**

The Parties shall endeavour to enter into separate agreements to implement this Treaty, where necessary.

#### **Article 6**

- (1) This Treaty may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties.
- (2) This Treaty shall be ratified and shall enter into force upon the dates of exchange of instruments of ratification. This Treaty shall remain in force for a period of five years, whereafter it shall be renewed automatically for another period of five years, unless terminated by either Party giving three months' advance written notice through the diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed and sealed this Treaty in two originals in the English and the Russian languages, all texts being equally authentic.

DONE at Cape Town on this 5th day of September 2006

*Mabasa*

*Medvedev*

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

FOR THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION