

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILATERAL
CONSULTATION MECHANISM

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

AND

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Signatories" and in the singular as a "Signatory");

Desiring to contribute to the developing and strengthening of the multifaceted relations and co-operation between the two countries;

Conscious of the usefulness of regular consultations and exchanges between the two countries, at different levels, on bilateral relations and international matters of common interest;

Taking note of the membership of Lithuania in the European Union and the forthcoming Lithuanian EU presidency in 2013;

Taking into account the significance of the South Africa-European Union Strategic Partnership launched in November 2006;

Recognising the importance of the Joint EU – Africa Strategy and its first Action Plan adopted in the Second EU – Africa Summit held in Lisbon, Portugal, in December 2007;

Reaffirming their adherence to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

Have agreed upon the following understanding:

Paragraph 1

The Signatories will hold regular bilateral consultations to review all aspects of their relations, and to exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest as well as on developments taking place in the regional and international fora.

Paragraph 2

Consultations on bilateral issues will include all areas of mutual interest, i.e. political, economic, commercial, scientific, technical, and cultural cooperation.

Paragraph 3

Consultations within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding will be held on the basis of mutual agreement, alternately in Vilnius and Pretoria.

The level, dates, venue and agenda for the consultations will be settled through diplomatic channels on the initiative of either Signatory.

Paragraph 4

When appropriate, members of diplomatic missions of the Signatories in third countries, as well as representatives of the Signatories attending international conferences and meetings will, hold consultations on issues of mutual interest.

Paragraph 5

During the consultations as set out in Paragraph 3 and 4, the delegations may decide to establish working groups to discuss in detail certain subjects of mutual interest. Working groups will report the outcome of their deliberations to the competent authorities for consideration.

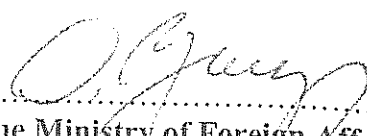
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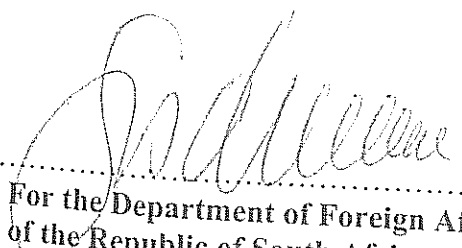
The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding will be without prejudice to existing treaties or agreements to which the two countries are parties.

Paragraph 7

The present Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature and will remain in effect for a period of three years. It will be considered as automatically renewed for successive periods of three years unless terminated by either Signatory, after giving a three months' notice in writing.

Signed in duplicate at Pretoria on²⁶ November 2008, in the English language.


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**For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Lithuania**


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**For the Department of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of South Africa**