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The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the
Government of the State of Israel (hereinafter referred to
as the "Parties"),

RECOGNISING the friendly and fraternal relations which have
always existed between their countries and peoples;

DESIRING to strengthen understanding and solidarity between
their people and to ensure their well-being;

GUIDED by a common will to broaden and strengthen the
political, economic, scientific, technical, judicial, social
and cultural cooperation between their respective countries;

HEREBY agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The contracting Parties hereby establish a South African - Israeli Joint Commission of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Commission").

ARTICLE 2

The Joint Commission is composed of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of South Africa and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel or any other Minister appointed to this effect by a Party.

ARTICLE 3

The objective of the Joint Commission shall be to broaden and strengthen cooperation between the Parties in all fields and it shall, to that end, be competent to:

- (1) conduct bilateral consultations and negotiations regarding important international questions;
- (2) follow the implementation of the agreements concluded between the Parties;
- (3) promote activities in favour of commercial, economic, industrial and technical cooperation on the basis of the agreements signed between the Parties;
- (4) identify new fields for the continued development of educational, commercial economic, industrial

and technical cooperation, specifically in the spheres of health, minerals and mining, agriculture and irrigation as well as water management, between the Parties;

- (5) prospect new ways to promote commercial relations between their respective countries for their mutual benefit;
- (6) exchange information in the economic, commercial, scientific, industrial and technical fields; and
- (7) make proposals to eliminate the obstacles which might arise during the implementation of any project established in accordance with this Agreement or with separate protocols or contracts.

ARTICLE 4

- (1) The Joint Commission shall be competent to establish Committees to assist it in the performance of its functions. The Head of each Committee shall present a report to the Commission on the activities of his group.
- (2) The conclusions and recommendations of a Committee shall be submitted to the Joint Commission for consideration.
- (3) The Joint Commission shall also be competent to establish committees, authorised to negotiate and submit agreements to the two Governments for consideration and conclusion in terms of their respective constitutional requirements.

ARTICLE 5

- (1) The Joint Commission shall meet at least once in every year in an ordinary session, alternately in South Africa and in Israel, or in an extraordinary session at the express request of one of the Parties.
- (2) The date and agenda of sessions of the Joint Commission shall be agreed upon by the Parties through the diplomatic channel, on the basis of proposals of the Government of the host country.
- (3) The Parties shall exchange working papers ('dossiers de travail') pertaining to the different agenda points at least two months before the date of a meeting.
- (4) The leader of the delegation of the host country shall preside at the session together with the head of the delegation of the other Party. They shall be assisted by a General Rapporteur.
- (5) Each meeting of the Joint Commission shall be concluded with the signing by the leaders of the two delegations of the minutes and final communiqué, which final communiqué shall be made available to the media.
- (6) The recommendations of the meetings of the Joint Commission shall be submitted to the respective Governments for consideration.

ARTICLE 6

Each Party shall be responsible for the transport expenses of its delegation to the meetings of the Joint Commission, provided that hotel expenses as well as the costs for the organization of the work of the Secretariat shall be borne by the host country.

ARTICLE 7

Any dispute arising from the implementation of this Agreement shall be referred to the Joint Commission which shall meet to seek an amicable settlement.

ARTICLE 8

- (1) A Party may request in writing and through the diplomatic channel the revision or amendment of this Agreement.
- (2) Any revision or amendment accepted by the Parties shall enter into force on the date of its adoption according to the procedure to be agreed upon by the Parties.

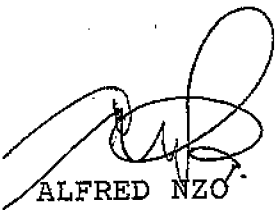
ARTICLE 9

The provisions of this Agreement shall not be interpreted to the detriment of other cooperation agreements between one of the Parties and a third State, nor of any other existing international obligations of any of the Parties.

ARTICLE 10

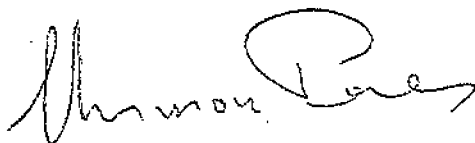
- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of six years.
- (2) This Agreement shall be renewed for the same period by tacit agreement.
- (3) This Agreement may be terminated by either of the Parties by giving notice to the other Party, through the diplomatic channel, of its decision to this effect. The termination shall become effective 90 days after due notification.
- (4) The termination of this Agreement shall not affect any rights or obligations of either Party acquired in terms of any cooperation agreement entered into by virtue of this Agreement.

THUS DONE AND SEALED AT *Jerusalem* on this the
..... *13th* day of *September 1945* in
duplicate in the English and Hebrew languages, both texts
being equally authentic.



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FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
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