AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM,
THROUGH ITS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA,
THROUGH ITS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ON CO-OPERATION

The Government of the Republic of South Africa, through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and separately as a "Party"),

DESIROUS of further consolidating and developing the friendship and cooperation in various fields between the two countries;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1
Aims of the Agreement

The Parties will regularly exchange views on measures to promote the bilateral relationship in the political, trade, economic, scientific, technological, cultural and other fields.

ARTICLE 2
Competent Authorities

The Parties will, at different levels and in appropriate forums, hold consultations on international and regional issues of mutual concern as well as on working experiences.

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be:

(a) on behalf of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Foreign Affairs; and

(b) on behalf of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

ARTICLE 3
Exchange of Information

The Parties will exchange information on the issues related to the realisation of the agreements reached between the two countries and will upgrade and finalise legal documents on the basis of mutually beneficial co-operation in various areas.

ARTICLE 4
Exchange of Views

The Parties agree that, when necessary, the diplomatic missions of the two countries in the third countries, to the United Nations and other International Organisations as well as the two countries' delegations participating in international conferences and fora will keep contacts and exchange views on issues of mutual concern.

ARTICLE 5
Amendments

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 6
Entry into Force, Duration and Termination

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated in accordance with sub-Article (3).

3. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party giving six (6) months written notice in advance through the diplomatic channel to the other Party of its intention to terminate it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments have signed and sealed the Agreement in two originals in the English.

Done at Hanoi on this 24th day of May 2007.

For and on behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Vu Dung
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

For and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of South Africa

NC Zuma

Dlamini Zuma
Minister
Ministry of Foreign Affairs