



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
ON TOURISM COOPERATION

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as a "Party");

DESIROUS TO -

- Strengthen the good relations between the two countries;
- Promote the mutual understanding between their people;
- Expand cooperation in the field of tourism between their two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Parties shall encourage their citizens to visit each other's country and shall facilitate the custom formalities concerning touristic travel between their countries according to their domestic law without inflicting their international undertakings. The Parties shall also encourage their active travel agencies to exchange tourists between them by direct contacts.

ARTICLE 2

In order to enhance all the aspects of tourism cooperation the Parties shall make all efforts according to their domestic law, like investing in building hotels and tourist hostels.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties shall in accordance with their domestic and international obligations exchange information, statistics as well as advertisement material and shall encourage each other to participate in international exhibitions which might be held in their countries. Each Party shall assist with arrangements for the necessary conferences.

The Government of the Republic of South Africa will make the necessary arrangements for an Iran Touring Exhibition in its country and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran will also do the same for the South African Touring Exhibition in its country.

ARTICLE 4

The Parties undertake to exchange practical experiences and technology in different fields of tourism, such as technical cooperation, research and production of advertisement materials. The Parties will, if possible arrange courses in the field of tourism for a number of students and experts from both Parties.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties shall exchange information and documentation in the field of training of staff working in tourism sectors, and shall facilitate possible ways of cooperation in the field of in-service-training and exchange programmes.

ARTICLE 6

The Parties shall encourage travel agencies and other relevant organizations to cooperate in order to attract tourists of other countries and shall also introduce the tourist attractions of each other's country through their mass-media and other avenues. The Parties shall exchange experience in the field of eco-tourism and wild life.

ARTICLE 7

The Government of the Republic of South Africa hereby -

- delegates the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism to act as its agent in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran hereby -

- delegates the Iran Touring and Tourism Organization to act as its agent in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

The respective agencies shall meet alternatively in each country in order to monitor the implementation and execution of this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 8

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date on which each Party has notified the other in writing through the diplomatic channel of its compliance with the Constitutional requirements necessary for the implementation thereof. The date of entry into force shall be the date of the last notification.

ARTICLE 9

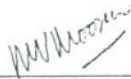
- (1) This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five years after which it may be extended for a further period of five years but may be terminated by either Party giving six months written notice in advance through the diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.
- (2) This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties through an exchange of notes through the diplomatic channel. Such an amendment shall enter into force on the date on which each Party has notified the other in writing, through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 10

- (1) Any disputes arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved amicably through consultation and negotiation between the Parties to the dispute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments have signed and sealed this Memorandum of Understanding in two originals in the Persian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of an irreconcilable conflict between the two texts, the English text shall prevail.

DONE AT Pretoria on this 22 day of August this year TWO THOUSAND.



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