



AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of India (hereafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties");

AIMING to strengthen the good relations between the two countries; and

PROMOTING mutual understanding between their peoples and expanding cooperation in the field of tourism between the two countries on a basis of equality and mutual benefit,

HEREBY agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall pay special attention to the development and expansion of tourist relations between the two countries with a view to a better knowledge of each other's history, culture and way of life.

ARTICLE 2

The Contracting Parties shall strive to promote the development of tourism between the two countries, in particular organised tourism, and will actively encourage the establishment of relations between tourism bodies, tourism associations and organisations of both countries and the realisation of tourist traffic.

ARTICLE 3

The Contracting Parties shall, subject to available resources and personnel, endeavour to assist each other in the establishment of official tourist offices in the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of India.

ARTICLE 4

The Parties shall consider the possibility of exchanging professionals for tourism training between the competent institutions in both countries.

ARTICLE 5

The Contracting Parties shall encourage investment enterprises in the field of tourism.

ARTICLE 6

The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to simplify their travel procedures in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in their countries, in order to further develop tourist traffic between the two countries.



ARTICLE 7

In order to provide suitable information to the population of each country concerning possibilities for tourism in the other, the Contracting Parties will promote the mutual exchange of tourism information and publicity materials, films, exhibition materials as well as that of travel journalists. The abovementioned materials will be exempt from customs duty to the extent provided for by the internal law of the country into which the said materials are imported.

ARTICLE 8

The competent authorities of both Contracting Parties shall be responsible for the implementation of this Agreement. This may be done in consultation with their respective tourism organisations, bodies and associations.

The competent authorities shall be:

- (a) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism or any person or body authorised thereto by him; and
- (b) in the case of the Republic of India, the Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism (Department of Tourism) or any person or body authorised thereto by him.

Representatives of these authorities will meet if and when necessary to discuss matters of mutual interest, including bilateral tourism relations.



ARTICLE 9

This Agreement shall enter into force immediately after each Contracting Party has notified the other through diplomatic channels that its constitutional requirements, necessary for the implementation of this Agreement, have been complied with.

This Agreement will be valid for a period of five years and will be automatically renewed for a successive five year period, unless either of the Contract Parties express its desire to terminate it, through a written notification addressed to the other, through diplomatic channels, three months in advance.

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

Done at *Cape Town* in
duplicate on this *7th*
day of *October*
19. *97* in two languages, English and Hindi. In case of
differences in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

F. P. Jordaan

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA