# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION

The International Labour Organisation (hereinafter referred to as "ILO") and the Southern African Development Community (hereinafter referred to as "SADC");

DESIROUS of developing and strengthening their cooperation with respect to matters of common concern;

CONVINCED that the development and strengthening of such cooperation would be of mutual benefit to both Organisations and would enhance cooperation among their Member States;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

#### ARTICLE I Consultation

ILO and SADC agree that in order to facilitate the attainment of the objectives of the two Organisations, they shall consult each other in respect of planning and execution of programmes relating to matters of common concern and particularly those that fall within the SADC Employment and Labour Sector.

## ARTICLE II Exchange of Information

Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary to safeguard the status of confidential material available to them, ILO and SADC shall exchange information and documentation on matters of common concern, and will keep each other informed of current and planned activities of mutual interest for the purpose of identifying areas in which cooperation between them may prove desirable.

#### ARTICLE III Joint Activities

ILO and SADC may, on conditions to be mutually agreed in each case, carry out joint studies or cooperate in the implementation of specific programmes or projects, relating to matters of common concern and those which fall within the mandate of the ILO.

# ARTICLE IV Attendance at Meetings

Each Organisation may invite the other to meetings that it has convened, when matters of concern to the other are to be discussed.

## ARTICLE V Provision of Expertise

Each Organisation may, on conditions to be mutually agreed in seeach case and within the limits of its resources, make available its experience and expertise to the other, by providing the services of members of its staff and/or consultant as the case may be.

#### ARTICLE VI Entry into Force

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both parties.

# ARTICLE VII Duration and Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force indefinitely and shall be terminated by mutual consent, or by one party giving the other party six (6) months written notice of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Agreement.

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#### ARTICLE VIII Amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent. Each Organisation may give a sympathetic consideration to any amendment proposed by the other party.

Done at Abidian on this 21st day of July 1998, in two originals, in the English Language, both texts being equally authentic.

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