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The UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (hereinafter referred to as UNESCO), and the SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (hereinafter referred to as SADC),

RECALLING that the Southern African Development Community was established to promote co-ordinated development and integration of the economies of its Member States in order to attain their cherished ideals of economic wellbeing, of improvement in the standards and quality of life, of freedom and social justice, and peace and security for the peoples of Southern Africa in accordance with the provisions of its Treaty,

RECALLING that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was established for the purpose of advancing, through the educational, scientific and cultural relations of the peoples of the world, the objectives of international peace and of the common welfare of mankind for which the United Nations Organization was established and which its Charter proclaims,

DESIROUS of co-ordinating the efforts of the Southern African Development Community and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in pursuance of their common aims and objectives within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, the Treaty of the Southern African Development Community and the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

Areas of co-operation

SADC and UNESCO agree to co-operate in the fields of education, science, culture, information, democracy, peace and in any other matters connected with those tasks and activities of the two organizations that are in harmony.

ARTICLE II

Co-operation between appropriate bodies

SADC and UNESCO agree to co-operate with each other through their appropriate bodies.

ARTICLE III

Mutual consultation

SADC and UNESCO agree to consult each other regularly on all matters mentioned in Article I that are of common interest.

ARTICLE IV

Reciprocal representation

1. SADC shall invite UNESCO to attend as observer the Consultative Conference and all other meetings at which matters of mutual interest are discussed.
2. UNESCO shall invite SADC to attend as observer the General Conference, meetings of the Executive Board and all other meetings of interest to SADC convened under the auspices of UNESCO.

ARTICLE V

Assistance in technical, research and in other relevant fields

Joint requests for development assistance from two or more Member States of SADC to either institution will be the subject of consultations between SADC and UNESCO, subject to the concurrence of the Member States concerned.

ARTICLE VI

Exchange of information and documents

Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of classified material, SADC and UNESCO agree to exchange information and documentation relevant to the agreed areas of co-operation.

ARTICLE VII

Review and evaluation

SADC and UNESCO agree to meet at least once a year to review and evaluate progress in the implementation of joint programmes of action.

ARTICLE VIII

Administrative arrangements

The Executive Secretary of SADC and the Director-General of UNESCO will make appropriate administrative arrangements to ensure effective co-operation and liaison between the secretariats of the two organizations.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

The Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual agreement between the parties.

ARTICLE X

Entry into force

The present Memorandum of Understanding, after approval by the competent organs of the two organizations, shall enter into force on the date of signature by the appointed representatives of SADC and UNESCO.

ARTICLE XI

Termination

Either of the parties may terminate the Memorandum of Understanding by giving six months' notice to the other party.

This Memorandum of Understanding is produced in two original texts in the English language, both being equally authentic.

Done in Paris Done in Johannesburg
on 25.1.96 on 31.7.96

FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

FEDERICO MAYOR
Director-General

FOR THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

KAIRE MBUENDE
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