

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT OF THE
FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL**

**THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
ENVIRONMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

**THE MINISTRY OF ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

AND

**THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

The Ministry of Environment of the Federative Republic of Brazil

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of the Republic of India

The Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China, and

The Department of Environmental Affairs of the Republic of South Africa

(hereinafter referred to as the "Participants");

RECOGNISING the spirit of cooperation that exists among their respective States;

DESIRING to develop environmental cooperation in the framework of the BRICS on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit;

BEARING IN MIND that the working methods of BRICS cooperation are based on the principle of consensus; and

WISHING to promote closer collaboration among the Participants;

Have reached the following understanding:

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") aims to develop cooperation between the Participants in the field of environment.
2. The Participants will endeavour to promote cooperation amongst the BRICS States in the following priority areas:
 - a) air quality;
 - b) water;
 - c) biodiversity;
 - d) climate change;
 - e) waste management;
 - f) implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals;

g) *other areas of cooperation as mutually agreed upon by the Participants.*

3. For the implementation of this MoU, the Ministers of Environment of the BRICS States and the BRICS Joint Working Group on Environment will hold meetings to determine the modalities of cooperation.

4. The cooperation between the Participants in the framework of this MoU may be carried out in the following forms:

a) exchange of experience and of information in the main areas of cooperation, including the development of regulatory and methodological documents;

b) conducting joint research, experimental works, practical consultations, as well as the sharing of results of research and experiments on subjects of mutual interest;

c) joint capacity building and training activities;

d) joint organisation of or participation in symposia, conferences, workshops and exhibitions in the main areas of cooperation;

e) development of joint programs and projects to demonstrate best achievements, practices and technologies in the areas of environmental cooperation; and

f) *other forms of cooperation as decided by the Participants.*

5. The Participants will conclude additional agreements or arrangements, if necessary, on the procedure of using of the results of cooperation in accordance with applicable legislation of their States, as well as obligations arising from multilateral agreements to which their States are parties.

6. Any differences between the Participants concerning the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be resolved by means of friendly mutual consultations on the basis of consensus.

7. This MoU is not an international treaty and does not create any rights and obligations governed by international law.

8. The Participants may decide on amendments to the present MoU, which will be approved by written mutual consent and will enter into effect on the date of signing of the

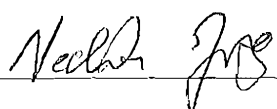
amendment by all Participants or such other date as may be mutually decided by all the Participants.

9. This MoU will come into effect from the day of its signing.

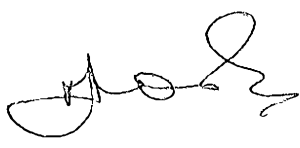
10. This MoU may be terminated by any of the Participants by giving six months' prior written notification of its intention to terminate the MoU to the other Participants.

11. The termination of this MoU will not affect completion of projects and other work undertaken by the Participants prior to its termination.

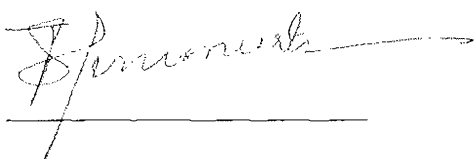
Signed at Sandton on the 16th Day of July 2018 in five originals in the English language.



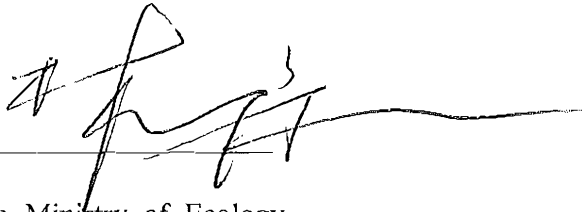
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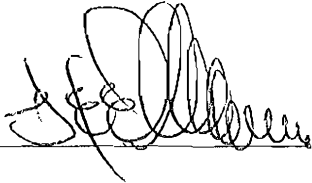
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