

DECLARATION ON MUTUAL ANTI-CRIME COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the
Government of the United States of America,

Recognizing the impact of crime on democracy, stability,
and human rights;

Aware that organized criminal elements are attracted to
open, free societies with highly developed infrastructures;

Convinced that the illicit use and trafficking in drugs
constitute a problem which affects the communities of both
countries;

Realizing that money laundering, corruption, and related
international criminal activities undermine democratic
societies;

Believing that the international nature of most organized
criminal activity necessitates that governments coordinate
their law enforcement efforts;

Alert to the need for worldwide cooperation in combatting
international terrorism;

Mindful of the South African Government's National Crime
Prevention Strategy of May 1996; and

Observing the recommendations of the March 1996 document of
the South African Department of Safety and Security, entitled
"Requests for International Assistance";

Agree on the desirability, and indeed the necessity of
mutual cooperation in combatting international crime, including
international terrorism.

Such cooperation may include but need not be limited to the
following:

-- assignment of representatives of the U.S. Drug
Enforcement Administration to the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria to
coordinate intelligence, training, and possible joint
operations in combatting transnational drug trafficking;

-- provision for training and support for drug demand reduction and preventive education outreach;

-- establishment of an FBI Legal Attache office in Pretoria to liaise with host country law enforcement organizations in support of law enforcement activities including, but not limited to, the exchange of intelligence information and investigation of international terrorism, financial/computer crimes, kidnappings and other transnational crimes, as well as to facilitate the location, arrest, and extradition of international fugitives within the FBI's jurisdiction;

-- development by South Africa of a police training program to enhance professional capabilities in fighting organized crime, financial crimes, and alien smuggling, which may include specialized courses offered by U.S. law enforcement training programs such as ICITAP (International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program);

-- inclusion of South African participants in U.S.-administered courses for professionals assigned to the fields of Customs and Immigration, narcotics interdiction, VIP protection, and financial crimes;

-- promotion of exchange visits by teams of law enforcement officials ranging from working-level police to public defenders, prosecutors, and judges, up to officials at the ministerial level; and

-- pursuit of other exchanges of information, training programs, and international cooperation as may be mutually desirable.

South Africa and the United States are convinced that their mutual cooperation in fighting the scourges of organized crime, drug trafficking, and international terrorism can result in a tangible benefit to their mutual societies, the surrounding regions, and the world.

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