

JOINT DECLARATION

In the framework of the visit to the Dominican Republic, of Mr. Luwellyn Tyrone Landers, Deputy Minister of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa, on the 2nd day of November 2015, held a meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with his counterpart, Dr. Alejandra Liriano de la Cruz, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs for Matters of Foreign Policy.

Both Vice Ministers reaffirmed the excellent bilateral relations between Dominican Republic and the Republic of South Africa.

Likewise, the representatives expressed their willingness to share best practices in those areas beneficial to their people, on subjects related to economic and sustainable development, international relations, energy and mining, among others.

The Vice Ministers had constructive dialogue on various issues among which is the reform of the Systems of Governance, strengthening of democracy, the rule of law, human rights, international peace and cooperation, reflected on recently approved Sustainable Development Goals and the upcoming Conference of States Party to the Climate Change Convention (COP21), to be held in Paris, France.

They agreed on the need to establish a Mechanism for Cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic and the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa as a basis for future programs in specific areas, such as tourism, culture, telecommunications, agriculture, livestock, fishery, health, advanced technology, investment and finances.

Both Ministries will work towards the establishment of the Memorandum of Understanding for Structured Political Consultations, whereby both parties commit to keep consultations at least once a year, on the progress in bilateral relations and other global issues of mutual interest, to be held alternatively in both capital of the Dominican Republic and the Republic of South Africa.

South Africa congratulated the Dominican Republic for obtaining the Pro Tempore Presidency of CELAC, for year 2016, and both parties committed to advancing the south-south cooperation in both regional and multilateral forums.

Finally, Dominican Republic and the Republic of South Africa reaffirmed their commitment to further develop bilateral relations, complying with the United Nations Charter and on the basis of the principles of peaceful coexistence, equality and mutual respect of sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs.

Signed in the city of Santo Domingo, on the second day of the month of November of the year two thousand and fifteen (2015).

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