



The Mogôbagôba Dialogue

SA-EU STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

**8th SA-EU Ministerial Troika Meeting
Arabella Western Cape Hotel & Spa, Kleinmond
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**DECLARATION ON DEEPENING POLICY DIALOGUES AND COOPERATION
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SA-EU STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

The South Africa-European Union Strategic Partnership is based on the recognition of the mutual interests of both partners in many areas of common concern that may require joint positions, actions and/or policy coordination. These interests and global actions can be reinforced by a frank, open and uninhibited discussion and exchange of information between the partners on domestic, regional, continental and global issues. Therefore, since the Strategic Partnership was established and its Joint Plan of Action adopted in May 2007, South Africa and the European Union have decided to establish structured policy dialogues and cooperation over an increasing number of areas.

In addition to well-established political dialogue at Ministerial and Summit levels, as well as ongoing development cooperation, cooperation on science and technology, cooperation on trade matters, and a high level dialogue on the environment launched in 2007, the first SA-EU Summit, held in Bordeaux, France on 25 July 2008, also established a regular Peace and Security Dialogue between South Africa and the EU Peace and Security Committee in Troika format.

Following the successful first SA-EU Summit and in giving effect to its decisions, a number of policy dialogues on new areas have been established. In particular, the Ministers welcomed that on the occasion of the meeting of the 9th SA-EU Joint Cooperation Council held in Cape Town on 4 November 2008, structured policy dialogues were established in the areas of migration, space and health, and endorsed the various Terms of Reference. The meeting of the Ministerial Troika also endorsed the Terms of Reference for the establishment of dialogue fora in the areas of Energy and Maritime Transport (see attached Terms of Reference). Ministers urged the various dialogue fora to meet as soon as possible.

In view of the need to fully implement the SA-EU Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement, as well as the Strategic Partnership Joint Action Plan, Ministers furthermore urged that both parties work towards establishing dialogue fora in agreed upon areas.