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In accordance with the powers vested in me by section 6(2) of the Diplomatic immunities and Privileges Act. 2001 (Act No. 37 of 2001). I hereby recognise the sixteenth meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board, scheduled to take place at the premises of the Protea Umhlanga Ridge Hotel. Umhlanga Rocks. Durban, South Africa, from December 12 to 14, 2011, in accordance with section 6(1)(b) of the said Act, the immunities and privileges to be accorded to the Conference are provided for in the Agronment between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Adaptation Fund Board regarding the hosting of the sixteenth meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board scheduled to take place at the premises of the Protea Umbranga Ridge Hotel, Umbranga Rocks, Durban, South Africa, from December 12 to 14, 2011.

Ms Maite Nkoana-Mashabane

Minister of International Relations and Cooperation

HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE ADAPTATION FUND BOARD REGARDING THE HOSTING OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE ADAPTATION FUND BOARD

6. Privileges and Immunities

- 6.1 The 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, to which South Africa is a party, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the AFB16 Meeting. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
 - a) Parties: The representatives of the Parties to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and Observer States shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under Article IV of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.
 - b) Specialized Agencies: The representatives of the specialized agencies shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided by Article VI of the 1947 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies.
 - c) Other Participants: Representatives and resource persons invited by the secretariat to participate in the AFB16 Meeting not otherwise referred to in Sections 6.1(a) or (b) shall enjoy immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and any act performed by them in connection with their participation, in the AFB16 Meeting.
 - d) Officials: Secretariat staff and other United Nations officials shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under Articles V and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.
 - e) Board and Alternate Members: Board and Alternate Members of the AFB shall be deemed to be experts on mission and shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under Article VI of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.
 - f) In General: All persons performing functions in connection with the AFB16 Meeting, including those invited pursuant to Sections 3 shall enjoy such privileges, immunities and facilities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the AFB16 Meeting.
 - g) Facilitation of Travel: All participants (including secretariat staff) invited by the secretariat to participate in the Meetings shall have the right of entry into and exit from South Africa and no impediment shall be imposed on their transit to and from the AFB16 Meeting's premises. Visas and entry permits, where required, shall be granted free of charge as speedily as possible, provided that general conditions regarding entry have been fulfilled.
 - h) Premises: The premises provided for the AFB16 Meeting and access thereto shall be subject to the authority and control of the secretariat, with assistance by the Department, and shall be inviolable for the duration of the Meetings.
 - i) Customs: All equipment, materials and supplies needed by the secretariat for the Meeting, including audio, video, photographic and other professional equipment brought by secretariat staff or media representatives, may be temporarily imported and subsequently exported free of all import, export and customs duties and other taxes.