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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION

No. 470

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DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES ACT, 2001

MINUTE

In accordance with the powers vested in me by section 5(3) of the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act, 2001 (Act No. 37 of 2001), I hereby recognize the “Agreement between the Republic of South Africa and the Commission of the African Union on the Material and Technical Organization of the Meetings of the 30th Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives Committee from 7 to 9 June 2015; the 27th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council from 10 to 12 June 2015 and the 25th Ordinary Session of the Assembly on 14 to 15 June 2015 in Pretoria (7 and 8 June 2015) and Johannesburg (10 to 15 June 2015), Republic of South Africa” for the purposes of granting the immunities and privileges as provided for in the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Commission of the African Union as set out in the Notice.

Maite Nkoana-Mashabane

Minister of International Relations and Co-operation

SCHEDULE

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE COMMISSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION ON THE MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETINGS OF THE 30TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE FROM 7 TO 9 JUNE 2015, THE 27TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FROM 10 TO 12 JUNE 2015 AND THE 25TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY ON 14 TO 15 JUNE 2015 IN PRETORIA (7 AND 8 JUNE 2015) AND JOHANNESBURG (10 TO 15 JUNE 2015), REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

ARTICLE VIII PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. The Government shall accord the Members of the Commission and Staff Members, the delegates and other representatives of Inter-Governmental Organizations attending the Meetings the privileges and immunities set forth in Sections C and D, Articles V and VI of the General Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the OAU.
2. Without prejudice to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, all participants and persons performing duties in connection with the Meetings shall enjoy such facilities and courtesies as are necessary for the efficient performance of their duties.
3. The representatives of the Inter-Governmental Organizations and the Observers accredited to the African Union attending the Meetings shall enjoy the necessary immunities and privileges as provided for in the General Convention referred to in paragraph 1 above.
4. The Government shall provide all the necessary facilities for the entry and exit to and from South Africa to all those persons who are mentioned above and/or who are performing duties connected with the Meetings. Entry visas shall be granted to them preferably before the opening of the Meetings in accordance with the laws of South Africa and in accordance with the modalities for issuance of visas as contained in Annex II.
5. Staff members of the Commission and other organs of the AU holding AU Passport or Laissez-Passer shall not be required to obtain entry visa as per Decision AHG/OAU/AEC/Dec.1 (II) adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, in June 1998.