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PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius and the Government of the Republic of Ghana hereinafter called "**The Contracting Parties**":

Desirous of strengthening understanding, fraternity and solidarity between the Contracting Parties in line with their principles of mutual respect, equality and reciprocal advantages;

Guided by the common will to reinforce co-operation between the two countries in the fields of particular interests to both countries

Hereby agree as follows:

Article I

The Contracting Parties hereby establish a Mauritius-Ghana Permanent Joint Commission for Co-operation hereinafter called the "**Commission**".

Article II

The Commission shall be composed of members of Government assisted by experts where necessary, and shall be presided by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs or their equivalent or any

other Ministers or their equivalent of the Contracting Parties.

The Ministers of the Contracting Parties designated as per the above paragraph shall act in rotation as Chairperson of the Commission.

The Chairperson of one session shall continue to exercise his functions as Chairperson until the next session.

The sessions of the Commission shall, when necessary, be preceded by meetings of experts of the Contracting Parties.

Article III

The Commission shall, inter alia, exercise the following functions:

- (i) Promote co-operation in all fields agreed between the two Contracting Parties;
- (ii) Identify the areas of co-operation that shall be developed between the two countries and more particularly in matters of:
 - (a) Economic cooperation in the fields of commerce, industry, financial services, investment and tourism;
 - (b) Cultural cooperation in the field of information, youth exchange programme, artistic groups, education and sports;
 - (c) Scientific and Technical cooperation through an exchange of experiences in various sectors of development towards the common benefit of the Contracting Parties.
- (iii) Elaborate and submit, for the approval of the two Governments, proposals reinforcing relations in the above-mentioned fields or such other new field as the Commission may deem appropriate;
- (iv) Assist in the resolution of disputes or difficulties which may arise from the application of

Agreements, Understandings or such other Conventions as may be concluded under this framework Agreement.

Article IV

The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure in the conduct of its business.

Article V

The Commission may set up committees to deal with specific issues as and when necessary.

Article VI

The Commission shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed by the Contracting Parties, preferably in Mauritius and Ghana.

Article VII

Reports of the Committees set up under Article V shall be submitted to the Commission for consideration.

Article VIII

The Chairperson shall after consultations with the other Contracting Party, draw up a provisional agenda and propose a date which shall be circulated at least 30 (thirty) days before the opening of the session.

Article IX

This Agreement shall be valid for five (5) years. It shall be deemed to be renewed at the end of every five years unless one of the Contracting Parties terminates it. In the event of termination, the procedure provided for in paragraph 2 of Article X shall be applicable.

Either Contracting Party may, at any time after the coming into force of this Agreement, request

consultations on the interpretation, application, or amendment of this Agreement. Such consultations shall be completed within a period of two calendar months from the date the other Contracting Party receives the request.

Such amendments of any other decision that may be made shall come into force on the exchange of diplomatic notes.

Article X

Either Contracting Party may, at any time, terminate this Agreement. The Agreement shall terminate six months after the date on which the written notice of termination is received by the other Contracting Party.

Article XI

This Agreement shall be submitted for ratification as soon as possible after signature. It shall come into force provisionally after signature and formally on the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments have signed this agreement in duplicate in English language.

DONE at Port Louis, Mauritius on this 22nd day of May, 2014.

**For the Government of the
Republic of Mauritius**

**For the Government of the
Republic of Ghana**

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