

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATIONS

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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND HOSTING
OF THE UN-HABITAT OFFICE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. UNH-OED-OL-250818-01 which reads as follows:

"Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to discussions between the representatives of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, through its Department of Human Settlements, and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, ("UN-Habitat"), on the establishment of the UN-Habitat Country Programme Office in the Republic of South Africa.

The Parties have, on the basis of the aforementioned discussions, agreed that the UN-Habitat Country Programme Office will be established in accordance with the 1994 Agreement between the Republic of South Africa and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and that its provisions shall apply mutatis mutandis in respect of privileges and immunities to the UN-Habitat Country Office which will be located in Metropark, 351 Francis Baard Street, Pretoria, within the broader United Nations Country establishment in South Africa.

I have the honour therefore to propose that the following conclusions reached in the aforesaid discussions will constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and UN-Habitat.

- 1. The Government of the Republic of South Africa expresses its consent to the establishment of the UN-Habitat Country Programme Office in accordance with the 1994 Agreement between the Republic of South Africa and the UNDP.*
- 2. The provisions of the 1994 Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the UNDP shall apply mutatis mutandis in respect of the immunities and privileges to the office, its property, funds and assets.*

3. *The Government of the Republic of South Africa shall apply to the office, its property, funds and assets, and to its officials, the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 February 1946.*
4. *This Agreement is valid for a period of five (5) years but may be terminated by either Party giving prior notice of three (3) months to the other Party.*
5. *The Parties have concluded a Contribution Agreement which outlines the terms of the cooperation between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the UN-Habitat and contributes to the funding of the office.*

This Letter of Exchange of Notes and Your Excellency's reply confirming the above proposal of the Government of the Republic of South Africa shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and UN-Habitat, and shall enter into force when both Parties have notified each other in writing through their respective representatives that the requirements for entry into force of this agreement have been met. The date of entry into force shall be the date of the last notification.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to the Government of the Republic of South Africa the assurances of my high consideration".

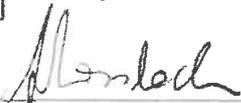
In reply, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of South Africa accepts the proposal to establish a UN-Habitat Office in the Republic of South Africa in accordance with the above, and hereby confirm that Your Note and this Note in reply thereto shall constitute an Agreement, which shall enter into force on the date on which the last communication is received that the Parties' respective requirements have been met for this Agreement to enter into force. The date of entry into force shall be the date of the last notification through the diplomatic channel.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to UN-Habitat the assurances of my high consideration.



Ms T Simelane, MP
Minister of Human Settlements of the Republic of South Africa

Date: 12/09/2025



Ms Anacláudia Marinho Centeno Roszbach
Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Director, UN-Habitat

Date: 12/09/2025

**UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME**

Programme des Nations Unies pour les établissements humains

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ref: UNH-OED-OL-250818-01

Nairobi, 18 August 2025

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to discussions between the representatives of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, through its Department of Human Settlements, and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), on the establishment of the UN-Habitat Country Programme Office in the Republic of South Africa.

The Parties have, on the basis of the aforementioned discussions, agreed that the UN-Habitat Country Programme Office will be established in accordance with the 1994 Agreement between the Republic of South Africa and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and that its provisions shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in respect of privileges and immunities to the UN-Habitat Country Office which will be located in Metropark, 351 Francis Baard Street, Pretoria, within the broader United Nations country establishment in South Africa.

I have the honour therefore to propose that the following conclusions reached in the aforesaid discussions will constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and UN-Habitat.

1. The Government of the Republic of South Africa expresses its consent to the establishment of the UN-Habitat Country Programme Office in accordance with the 1994 Agreement between the Republic of South Africa and the UNDP.
2. The provisions of the 1994 Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the UNDP shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in respect of the immunities and privileges to the office, its property, funds and assets.
3. The Government of the Republic of South Africa shall apply to the office, its property, funds and assets, and to its officials, the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 February 1946.

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4. This Agreement is valid for a period of five years but may be terminated by either Party giving prior notice of three months to the other Party.
5. The Parties have concluded a Contribution Agreement which outlines the terms of the cooperation between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the UN-Habitat and contributes to the funding of the office.

This Letter of Exchange and Your Excellency's reply confirming the above proposal of the Government of the Republic of South Africa shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and UN-Habitat, and shall enter into force when both Parties have notified each other in writing through the respective representatives that the requirements for entry into force of this agreement have been met. The date of entry into force shall be the date of the last notification.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to the Government of the Republic of South Africa the assurances of my high consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Anacláudia", written in a cursive style.

Anacláudia Marinheiro Centeno Rossbach
Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and
Executive Director, UN-Habitat



MINISTER'S MINUTE

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 United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to be hosted in Pretoria, South Africa for the purposes of granting the immunities and privileges provided for in section 6(1)(a) of the said Act, as set out in the attached Notice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RONALD OZZY LAMOLA'.

Mr RONALD OZZY LAMOLA

Minister of International Relations and Cooperation

Date:

26/03/2026

NOTICE

It is hereby published for general information that the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, in terms of section 6(2) of the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act, 2001 (Act 37 of 2001) has recognised the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to be hosted in Pretoria, South Africa. In accordance with section 6(1)(a) of the said Act, the immunities and privileges to be accorded to the staff and premises of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) as provided for in the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and the 1947 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of Specialised Agencies, as may be applicable and for their effective functioning.