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**Sister City Affiliation
between the cities of
Pretoria and Delft**

The City of Pretoria in the Republic of South Africa,
duly represented by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor M.D. Mampuru,

and

the City of Delft in the Royal Netherlands,
duly represented by the Mayor, Mr H.M.C.M. van Oorschot.

BECAUSE of the continued cooperation between the Civic Organisation, Sanco Mamelodi, and the City of Delft on projects investing in the people and the future of South Africa since 1994,

AND because of the establishment of a fully democratic City Council of Pretoria in 1995, and the City of Delft initiating further cooperation on -

- **good** governance at local level, with activities such as offering traineeships and training courses for Pretoria officials and politicians;
- **housing and city planning**, with activities such as organising workshops, exchanging and training experts and politicians, supporting local government in IDP, investigating possibilities for social housing programmes and housing associations;
- **youth projects**, such as setting up sports projects and supporting school sports activities;
- **women's projects**, with a study grant project for women and support via training courses for local women's groups and organisations;
- **education**, with internet assistance between schools and support for schools with mentally retarded pupils;
- **projects for young children**, such as crèches and support for a night school;
- **civic society**, with support programmes;
- **health projects**, assisting the Red Cross and training youngsters in first-aid activities for school and large-scale outdoor activities;

AND because of the wish of Pretoria and Delft to express and to symbolise the commitment of the two cities to each other and their intention to cooperate through a formal sister city agreement in the future;

AND because of the prominent role Sanco played, and will continue to play, this cooperation agreement will be of special relevance to Mamelodi, but will not be exclusive to Mamelodi;

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AND taking into consideration the social context in which both cities exist and the common goal of improving the social welfare of their respective residents, both cities finding it timely to establish an effective policy of cooperation;

NOW the Cities agree as follows:

On the basis of the traditional South African-Netherlandish friendship, the two cities will strive to further their social progress, urban development and the well-being of their residents and agree to sign the following Sister City Affiliation, in the expectation of contributing to increased cooperation, and the friendship and the solidarity between both cities:

The local governments of Pretoria and Delft, united in their aspiration to achieve these objectives through joint effort, will encourage the implementation of strategies to establish a permanent information system, to create training opportunities and to exchange human resources, as well as for joint studies and research in the areas of housing, education, agriculture, vocational training and culture.

Both cities will respect each other's cultural heritage and strive to extend the cooperation between them to other areas according to the interest shown by both parties.

The Cities specifically agree that -

- the cooperation between the cities will be carried out on the basis of an annual plan of action;
- the first plan of action will be completed, if possible, by the end of January 2000;
- the fields of special interest of this action plan will be housing, youth, women, education and sports; and
- the Sister City Agreement will be re-evaluated every five years to ensure that the cooperation will continue to live up to the intentions and the conditions of this declaration.

This agreement involves the Sister Cities of Pretoria and Delft, and through mutual respect and trust they will strive to achieve the above common ideals.

Done in Pretoria on this the 29th day of November 1999.

On behalf of the City of Pretoria

On behalf of the City of Delft

COUNCILLOR M.D. MAMPURU
Mayor of the City of Pretoria,
the Republic of South Africa

MR H.M.C.M. VAN OORSCHOT
Mayor of the City of Delft,
the Royal Netherlands

