JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT

The Minister President of the Government of Flanders, H.E. Geert Bourgeois, and the Minister of Environmental Affairs of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, H.E. Bomo Edna Molewa, having met in Pretoria, South Africa on 21 August 2017, hereby declare our intention:

- to focus on climate change adaptation and the development of a green economy in the development cooperation between our governments for the period of 2017-2021;
- to strengthen relations between our Governments by continued efforts to increase the quality and effectiveness of this development cooperation; and
- to implement the third Country Strategy Paper on Development Cooperation 2017-2021, aligned with the South African Government's Medium Term Strategic Framework 2014-2019, in the context of our respective commitments to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Paris Agreement.

We jointly decide:

- that the Government of Flanders will contribute an indicative average investment of 5 million Euro per annum for the period 2017-2021, towards implementation of the mutually agreed programme of cooperation;
- that Flanders and South Africa will jointly set up and implement an initial project on climate change adaptation focusing on research, piloting and innovation. The project will run from 2018-2021 with 3 million euro funding to be made available in 2017; and

 that both Governments will facilitate the exchange of information and exploration of possibilities for collaboration in the field of the circular economy, as part of a common endeavour to promote sustainable economic growth for all.

SIGNED IN PRETORIA ON THE 21 AUGUST 2017.

GEERT BOURGEOIS

MINISTER-PRESIDENT

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS

BOMO EDNA MOLEWA

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA