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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION

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HOST AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMISSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION (AUC) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA ON THE MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION OF THE SUMMIT ON THE AFRICAN DIASPORA 25 MAY 2012
SANDTON CONVENTION CENTRE, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

ARTICLE 13**PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

1. The Government shall accord the staff members of the Commission, delegates from Member States, representatives of Regional Economic Communities and of International Organizations attending the meetings the privileges and immunities set forth of the Summit in Sections C and D, Articles V and VI of the General Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Organization of African Unity of 1965 provided that the provisions are not in conflict with any obligations incumbent upon South Africa under International law.
2. Without prejudice to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, all participants and all persons performing duties in connection with the Summit shall enjoy such facilities and courtesies as are necessary for the efficient performance of their duties.
3. The Government shall provide all the necessary facilities for the entry and exit to and from The Republic of South Africa to all those persons who are mentioned above and/or who are performing duties connected with the Conference. Entry visas shall be granted to them without delay preferably before the opening of the Conference. Furthermore, visas shall be issued to participants on arrival at the airport, especially those coming from countries where The Republic of South Africa does not have diplomatic missions and who were not able to obtain visas before traveling to South Africa. It should be noted that staff members of the Commission holding AU Laissez-Passer or Passport shall not be required to obtain entry visa as per the Decision adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, in June 1998.