



**RESOLUTIONS OF
THE MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ICTS AND / OR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA
ADOPTED AT THE MINISTERS MEETING IN JOHANNESBURG,
SOUTH AFRICA**

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1 MAURITIUS'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO JOIN THE EASSy CABLE:

BEARING IN MIND that the Government of the Republic of Mauritius has expressed a continuing interest to be part of the NEPAD ICT Broadband Infrastructure Network for Eastern and Southern Africa, and in particular to be connected to the submarine cable (EASSy), the Ministers responsible for ICTs and / or telecommunications in Eastern and Southern Africa hereby resolve that:

- 1.1 The NEPAD ICT Broadband Infrastructure Network be expanded to incorporate the Republic of Mauritius, and
- 1.2 A detailed feasibility study be carried out to determine, amongst, other issues, the additional cost of connecting Mauritius to the submarine (EASSy) Cable, and the implications thereof.

2 DOMICILIUM OF THE EASSY SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLE IN RWANDA:

- 2.1 **Recalling** the decision to establish a Special Purpose Vehicle to own, build, operate and maintain the sub-marine portion of the NEPAD ICT Broadband Infrastructure Network (EASSy);
- 2.2 **Taking into account** the commitment, at highest level, of the government of Rwanda to develop the ICT sector and use ICTs for socio-economic development; and
- 2.3 **Further taking into account**, with appreciation, the readiness expressed by the Republic of Rwanda to accept this responsibility and contribute to the establishment of the Headquarters of the SPV in Rwanda,

The Ministers responsible for ICTs and / or telecommunications in Eastern and Southern Africa hereby resolve that:

The Republic of Rwanda shall be the domicilium of the EASSy Special Purpose Vehicle.

3 **DATE OF SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL ON POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE NEPAD BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA:**

- 3.1 **Bearing in Mind** the urgency to develop the necessary policy and regulatory framework for the implementation of the NEPAD ICT Broadband Infrastructure Network for Eastern and Southern Africa, including the EASSy cable; and
- 3.2 **Bearing in Mind Further** that the Protocol that has been prepared to lay the foundation for the necessary policy and regulatory framework in the Eastern and Southern African region and thus facilitate the construction, maintenance and ownership of the NEPAD ICT Broadband Infrastructure Network for Eastern and Southern Africa, needs to undergo various steps in the respective participating countries before its ratification, it is hereby resolved :
- a. That the Protocol shall be signed, under the auspices of the African Union, by duly accredited High Level representatives of the governments of the region, in Kigali, Rwanda, during the third week of August 2006;
 - b. That the ratification process will commence immediately thereafter; and
 - c. To instruct the NEPAD e-Africa Commission to make the necessary arrangements for the signing.

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