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Dear Minister,
Dear colleague,

Flanders enjoys a long-standing and productive relationship and cooperation with South Africa – based on historical ties and firmly rooted in joint *Declarations of Intent, Agreements on Cooperation* and *Memoranda of Understanding* signed between the governments of Flanders and South Africa.

After twenty-five years of fruitful exchange and cooperation, we can look back on a broad and successful relationship with visible progress and tangible results for the benefit of both our societies. The commitment of your government and the determination of its main departments have been key factors in this joint achievement. It is my personal wish to continue and even deepen the friendship we have built during all these years.
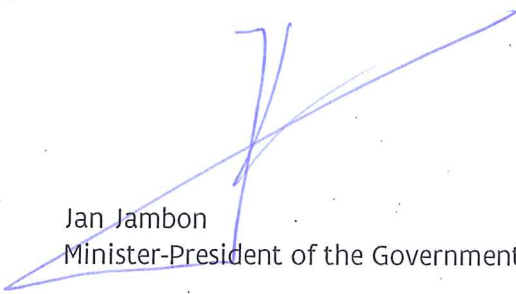
Over the last two decades South Africa has also changed fundamentally. Your country became one of the leading countries of the African continent.

In recognition of the positive evolution your country is going through, the government of Flanders has the ambition to bring the cooperation between South Africa and Flanders to the next level - phasing out our development cooperation programs and aiming for more focused socio-economic and cultural cooperation and political dialogue.

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I would welcome an exchange of thoughts and views on how to reshape the cooperation between our governments for the new decade.

Many thanks in advance for your consideration.

Please accept, dear Minister, the assurance of our highest consideration.

Jan Jambon
Minister-President of the Government of Flanders

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