

**SPECIFIC AGREEMENT**

**Between**

**The Kingdom of Belgium**

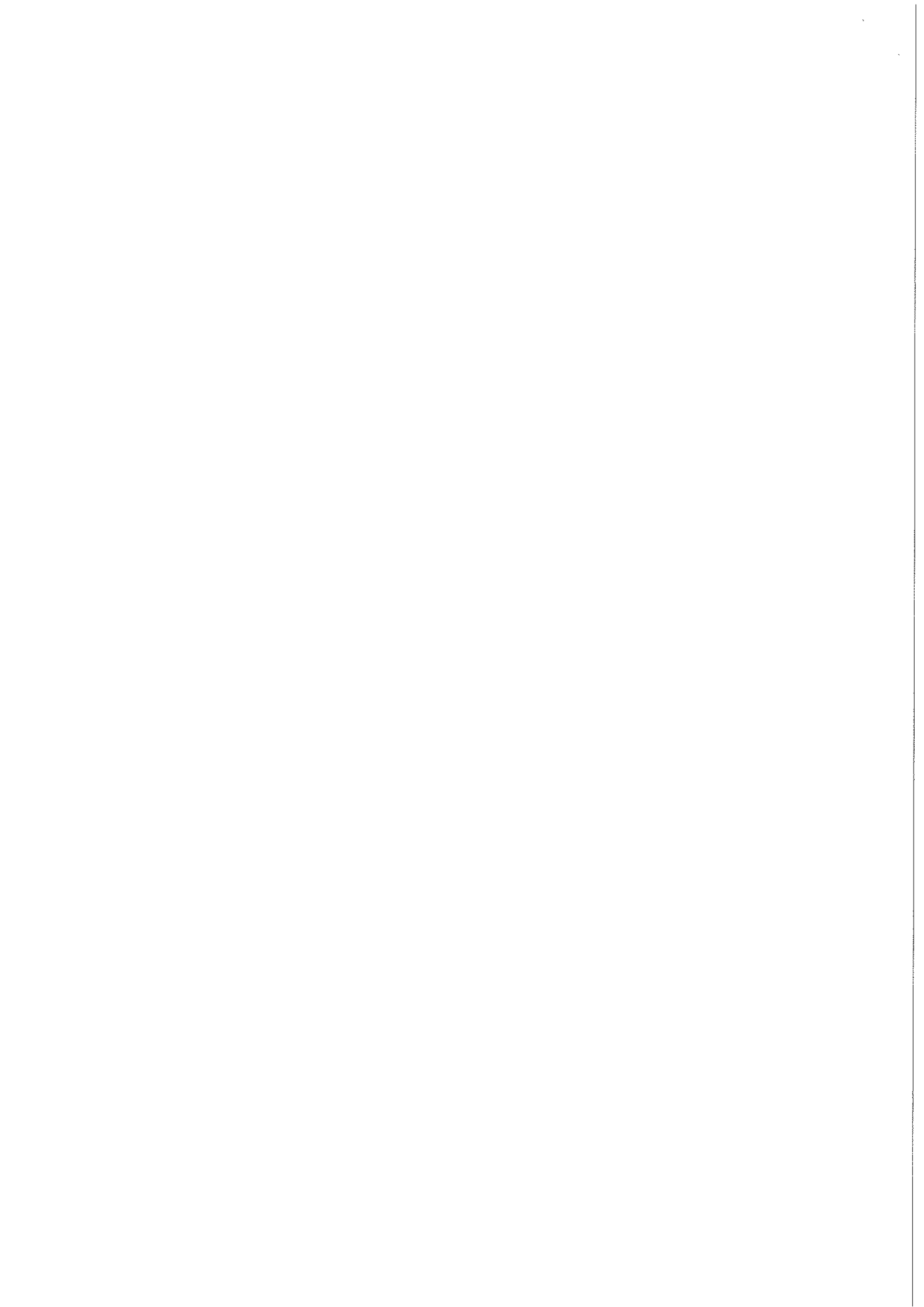
**and**

**“The Republic of Rwanda”**

**on**

**“Joint Health Sector Support IIIb (JHSS IIIb)”**

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The Kingdom of Belgium, hereinafter referred to as “Belgium”,

and

The Republic of Rwanda, hereinafter referred to as “Rwanda”,

hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Parties”;

- Considering the “General Agreement on Direct Bilateral Co-operation between Rwanda and Belgium,” signed in Kigali, on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2004;
- Considering the agreed minutes of the Joint Commission on Development Co-operation between the parties, held in Kigali on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2011, Annex 8 “Belgium-Rwanda Indicative Development cooperation Program (IDCP) 2011-2014”;
- Considering the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for joint monitoring between the Government of Rwanda and the Health Sector Development Partners, Regarding Partnership Principles for Support to the Health Sector, signed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2007;
- Considering the Common Performance Assessment Framework agreed between the Government of Rwanda and the Development Partners providing General and Sector Budget Support;
- Considering the EDPRSII Performance and Policy Matrix agreed Between the Government of Rwanda and the Development Partners.

#### **AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

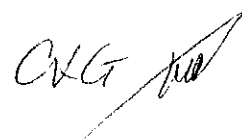
##### **Article 1: Definition and object of the agreement**

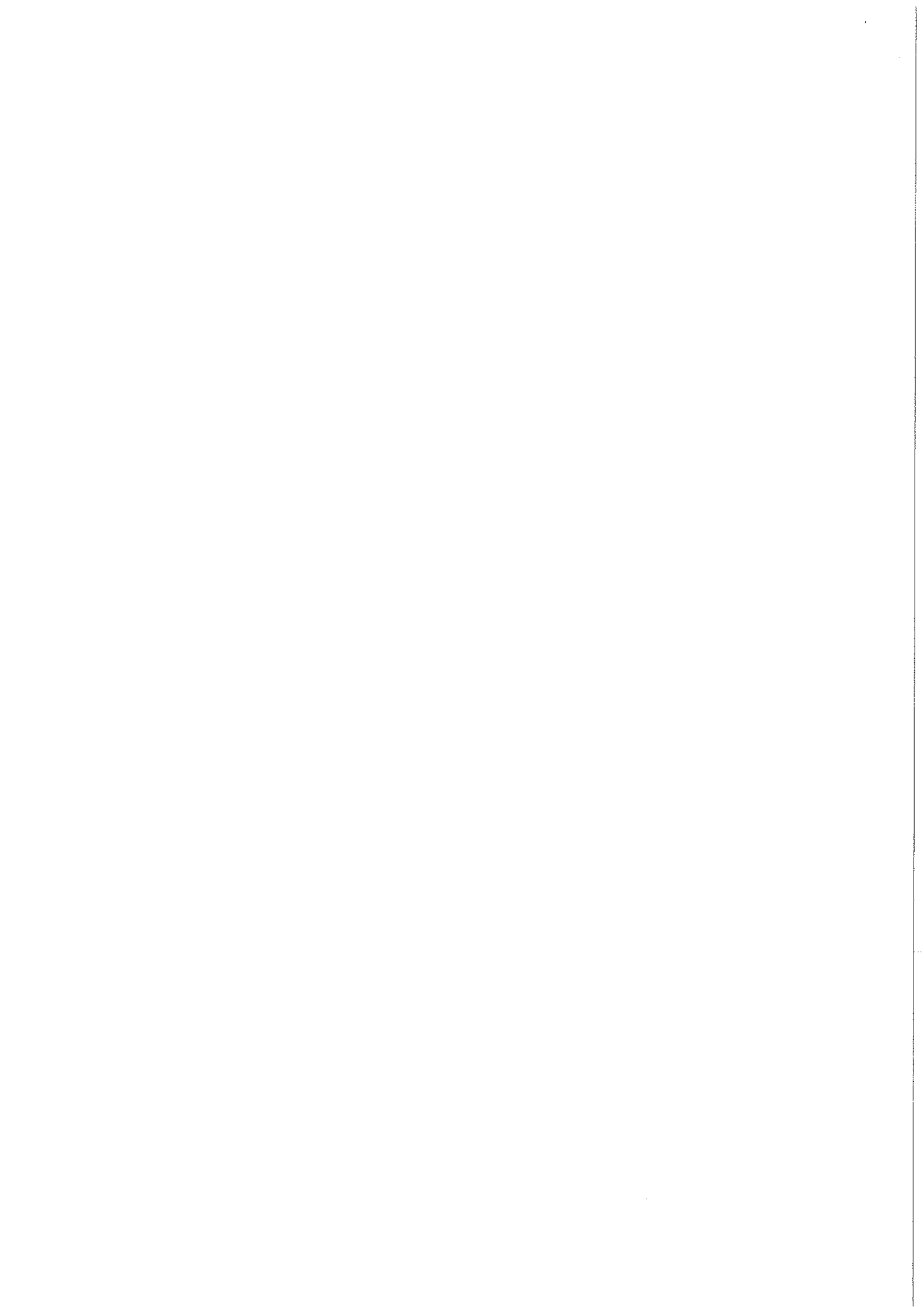
The Specific Agreement concerns the participation of Belgium in the realization of the objectives of the Health Sector Strategic Plan III (HSSP III), developed for the period 2012-2018.

The overall goal of HSSP III is to ensure universal accessibility (in geographical and financial terms) of quality health services for all Rwandans.

This objective will be attained through the implementation of 4 components.

1. The Programs that provide preventive, promote, curative and rehabilitative care.
2. Health Support systems needed to allow programs to deliver results.
3. Governance providing leadership and guidance on policy development, coordination, quality control, fund raising and oversight/monitoring of implementation.
4. Health service delivery that is being determined by the three components above, through the quantity and quality of services that are provided at the levels of the community, the district health services and the National Referral Hospitals.





## **Article 2: Responsibilities of both Parties**

### 2.1 The Belgian Party designates:

2.1.1 The "Directorate General for Development Cooperation", of the Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, hereinafter called DGD, as the Belgian administrative entity, responsible for the Belgian contribution. DGD is represented in Rwanda by the Attaché for International Cooperation based in the Belgian Embassy in Kigali

2.1.2 The "Belgian Technical Cooperation", hereinafter referred to as BTC, as the Belgian entity responsible for the Belgian participation in the monitoring of the implementation of the Joint Health Sector Support IIIb (JHSS IIIb) and the transfer of funds. BTC is represented in Rwanda by its Resident Representative in Kigali.

### 2.2. The Rwandan Party designates:

2.2.1. The Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MINECOFIN) as the Rwandan administrative entity, responsible for the Rwanda contribution to the HSSP III.

2.2.2. The Ministry of Health (MINISANTE) as the Rwandan entity responsible for the implementation of the HSSP III.

## **Article 3: Contribution of the Parties**

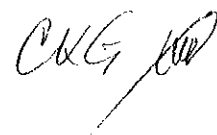
3.1 The Belgian grant to the HSSP III is 18.000.000 € for the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16 The Belgian contribution to the sector budget will contribute to an annual increase in the allocation to the Health budget, during this period.

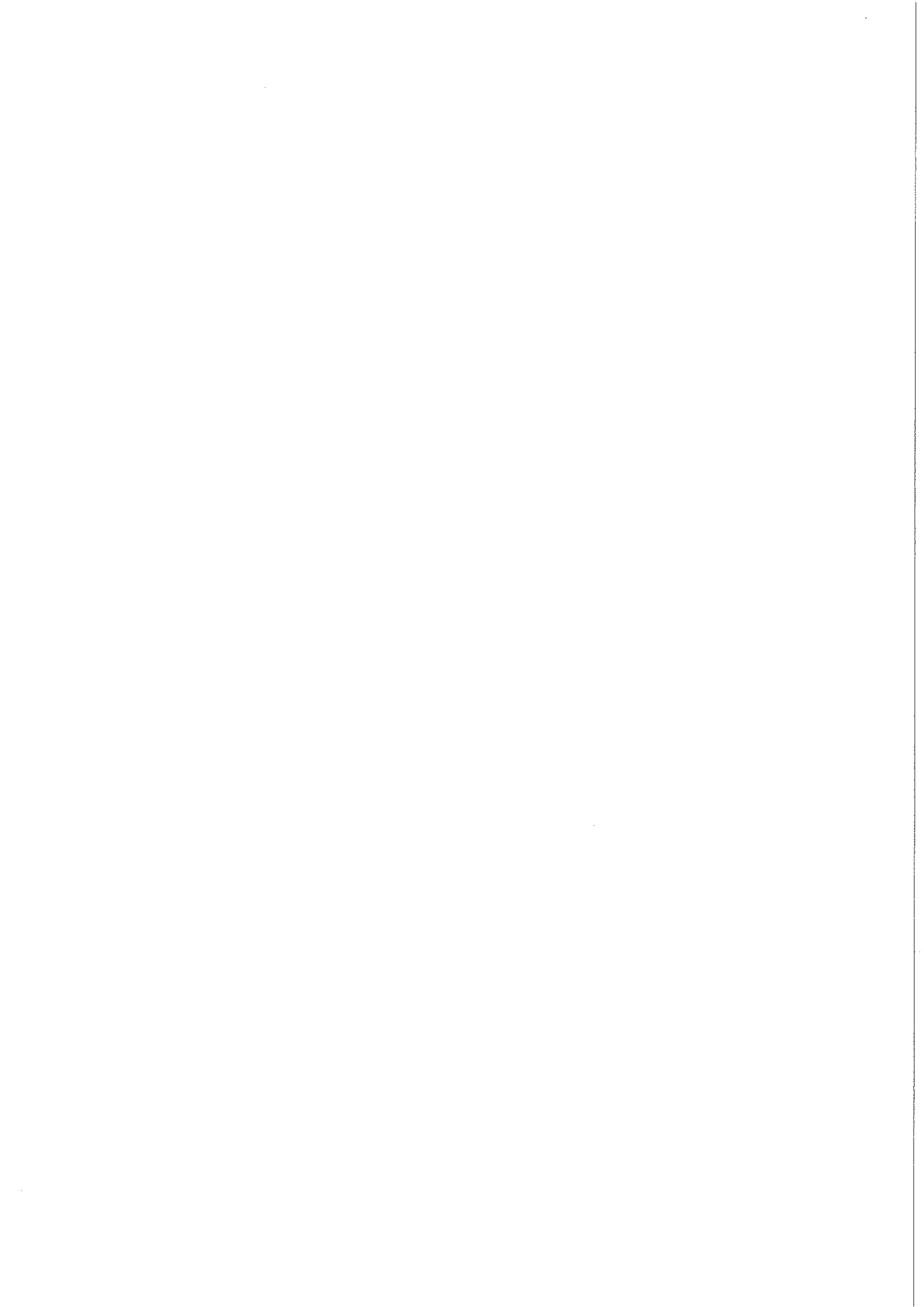
A first instalment of 9.000.000 € for the Rwandan budget year 2014/15 will be transferred after submission of:

- *Annual work plan and budget 2014/15*
- *Technical and financial sector report on FY 2012/13*
- *Annual Sector Audit on 2012/13*
- *General Satisfactory evaluation of the CPAF Health Indicators 2012/13*

A second instalment of 9.000.000 € for the Rwandan budget year 2015/16 will be transferred after submission of:

- *Annual work plan and budget 2015/16*





- *Technical and financial sector report on FY 2013/14*
- *Annual Sector Audit on 2013/14*
- *General Satisfactory evaluation of the Health Sector EDPRSII Policy matrix Indicators 2013/14*

Belgium will transfer its contribution to the Sector Budget Support (SBS) foreign Exchange account at the National Bank of Rwanda as will be specified by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MINECOFIN).

Within a month of the transfer being made by Belgium, the National Bank of Rwanda will issue a receipt to the BTC Resident Representative in Kigali, confirming the amount received and the bank account to which it was lodged.

3.2 In case of a negative audit, a management response is needed. An action plan for implementation of the management response needs to be presented by Rwanda and approved by the development partners. This is a sufficient condition for the transfer of funds.

#### **Article 4: Monitoring, Control and evaluation**

4.1 The parties shall take all necessary administrative and budgetary measures to achieve the objectives of this Specific Agreement, including joint or separate technical, administrative and financial control and evaluations as mentioned in the MoU. The Parties shall inform each other about the results and possible recommendations of these control and evaluation exercises.

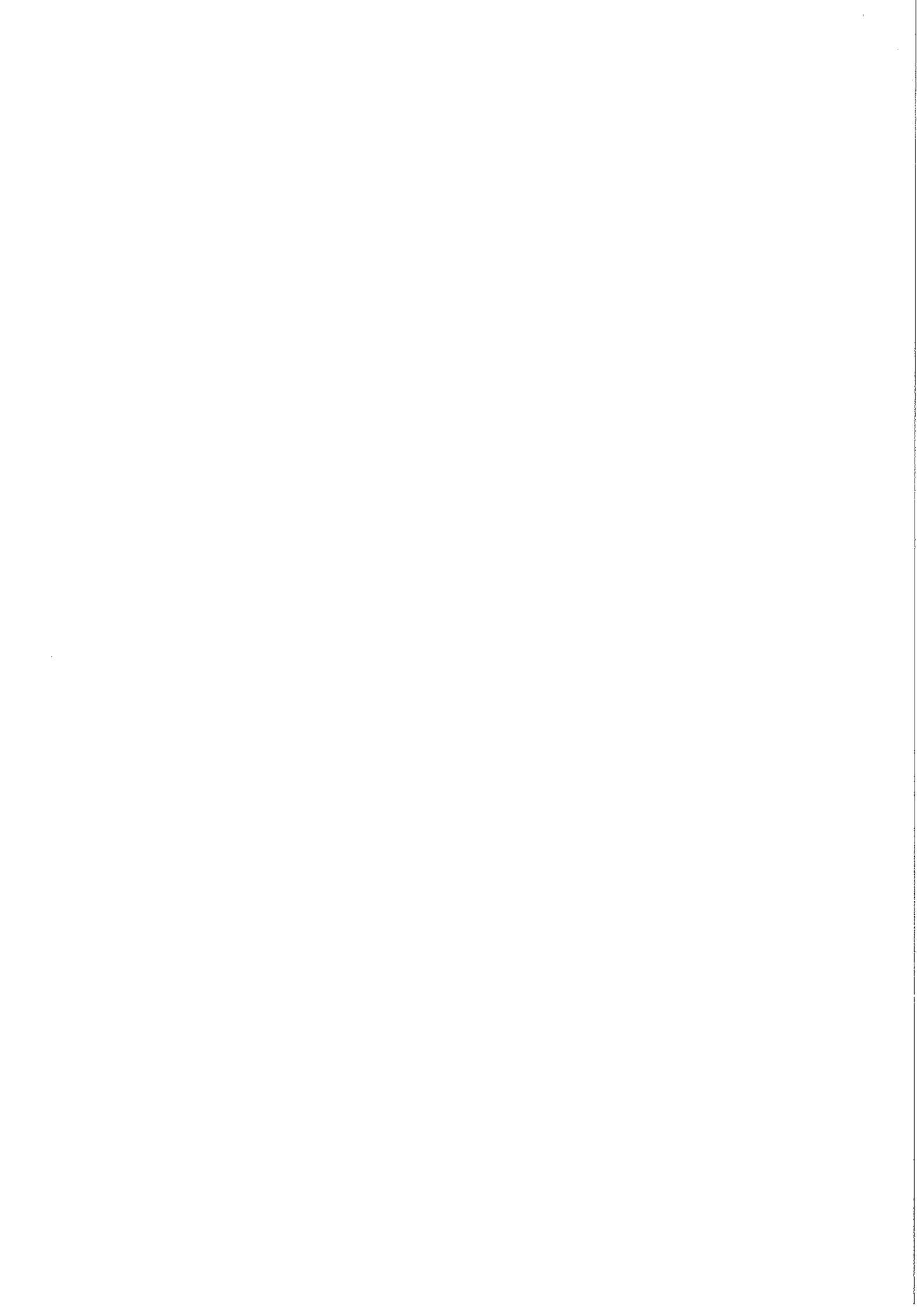
4.2 The Joint Health Sector Review shall be held at least once a year. The mission will review the performance of the sector during the previous year and agree on sector priorities and resource allocation for the next financial year.

4.3 BTC is responsible for the Belgian participation in the monitoring of the implementation of the program in close collaboration with the Attaché for International Cooperation at the Embassy of Belgium in Kigali. The Belgian technical expertise, provided by BTC and based in Kigali will work closely with the other Development Partners and within the existing framework of monitoring mechanisms.

4.4 Belgian focus in policy dialogue will be on:

- The development of a stable and sustainable health system;
- The implementation of the national decentralisation reform process, with assurance of good service delivery and local as well as technical oversight;
- The good internal coordination of technical debate and decision making for the health sector; and
- The development of an inclusive health system for the whole of Rwandan population.

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**Article 5: Entry into force, Duration, Modifications, Dispute Resolution and Termination**

- 5.1. This Specific Agreement will enter into force on the date of its signature by both parties.
- 5.2. This Specific Agreement is valid for a period of 36 months starting from its date of signing.
- 5.3. The provisions of this Specific Agreement may be modified by mutual agreement between the Parties, through exchange of letters.
- 5.4. Any disputes related to the application and interpretation of this Specific Agreement shall be settled through bilateral negotiation.
- 5.5. This Specific Agreement may be denounced by each of the Parties, through verbal note, subject to a six months' notice.

**Article 6: Notifications**

All notifications related to this Specific Agreement and more specifically modifications and interpretations of this Agreement, shall be communicated through diplomatic channels at the following addresses:

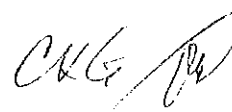
for Rwanda, to  
The Permanent Secretary and Secretary to the Treasury  
Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning  
P.O. Box 158  
KIGALI

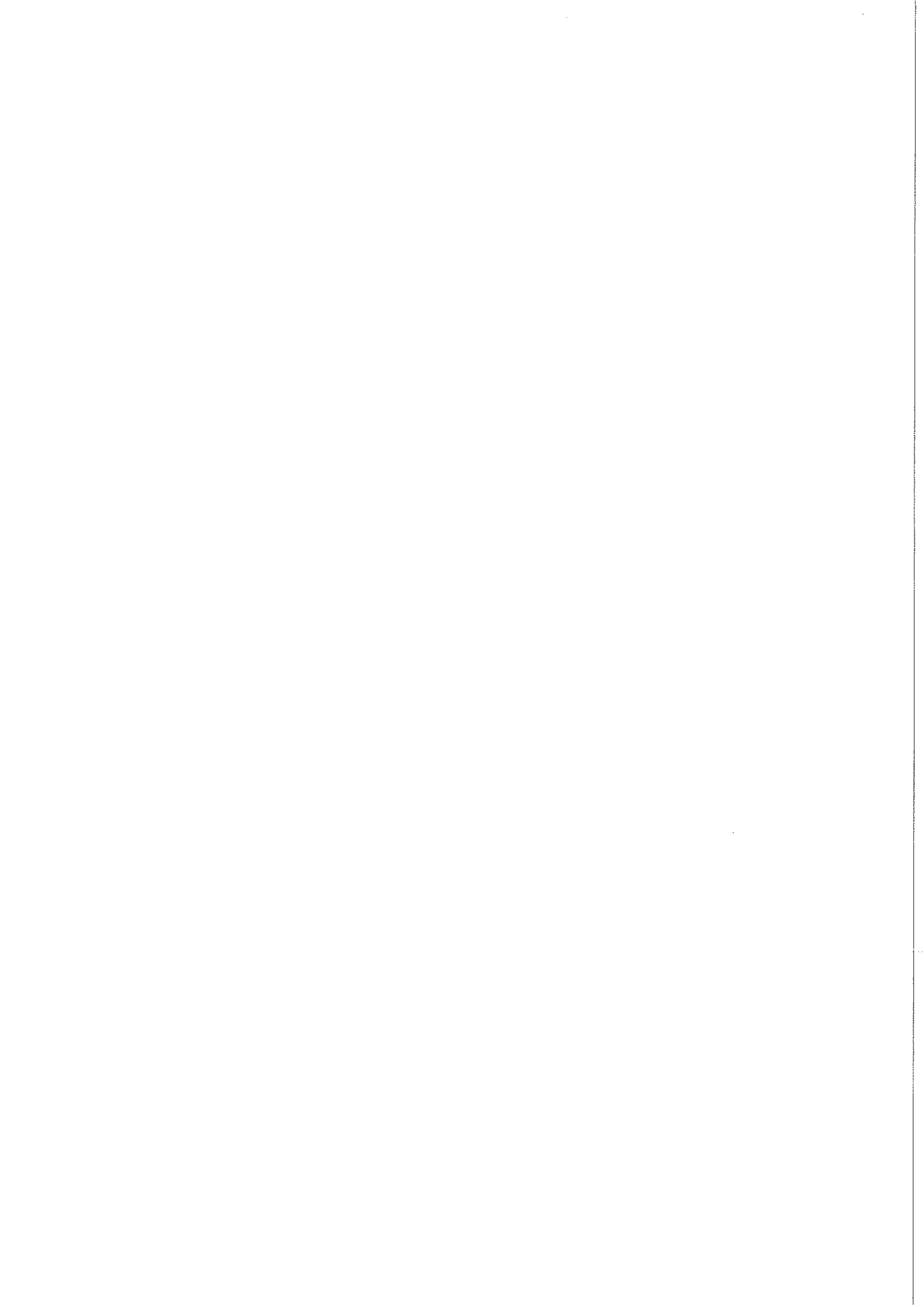
for Belgium, to  
Embassy of Belgium  
P.O. Box 81  
KIGALI

All notifications related to the execution of this Agreement shall be addressed at following institutions:

for Rwanda, to  
Ministry of Health  
P.O. Box 84  
KIGALI

for Belgium, to  
BTC - Rwanda  
P.O. Box 6089  
KIGALI



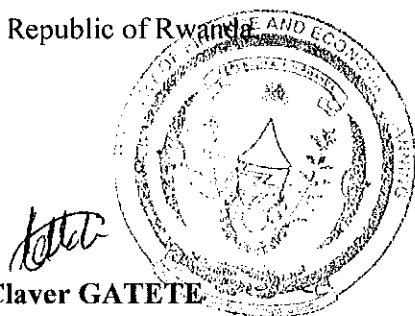


**Article 7: Final dispositions**

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Specific Agreement.

Done in duplicate at KIGALI, on the 24/04/2014  
in the English language, both copies being equally authentic.

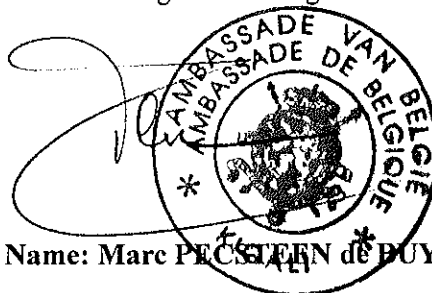
For the Republic of Rwanda



Name: Claver GATETE

**Minister of Finance and Economic  
Planning**

For the Kingdom of Belgium



Name: Marc PEETERS de BUYTSWERVE

**Ambassador**



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MET HET ORIGINEEL EENSLUIDEND VERKLAARD AFSCHRIFT

Bruxelles,  
Brussel,

05-05-2014

Le Chef du *Service des Traités*  
du *Ministère des Affaires Étrangères de Belgique*  
(Het Hoofd van de Dienst Verdragen  
van het Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken van België)