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### **Abstract**

The title of this Thesis is “**Changing Dimensions of South Africa Foreign Policy, 1994-2012**” focused to understand how and what effect, changing and significance has been there in the foreign policy of South Africa from the Mandela to Jacob Zuma time period. It examines the foreign policy in Nelson Mandela, Thabo Mbeki and Jacob Zuma presidential. It describes the foreign policy from apartheid to post-apartheid.

The thesis has covered this study in 6 chapters including Introduction and Conclusion. Introduction deliberates the topic of the thesis briefly. It explains the concept of South Africa foreign policy, definitions of foreign policy, foreign policy of South Africa in the apartheid foreign policy, foreign policy in the post- apartheid period. The second chapter explained ‘Determinants of south Africa foreign policy’. As a matter of first importance, the key determinants of South Africa's foreign policy are strategic conditions in the African mainland, the nation's foreign policy is impacted by a few factors that are in turn, impacted by some key components influencing the nation's foreign policy or for the most part the arrangement of contribution of foreign policy is as per the following: Geographically incorporated areas, economic etc. Third chapter is focused to inspect South Africa's Foreign Policy Changes in the Post-Apartheid Period. South Africa has turned out from the apartheid time frame after that which sorts of changes had been beginning or begetting. South Africa's foreign policy has changed in the post-apartheid period. The new South African government required another

foreign policy and needed to reconnect it with all the concerned and also the new organization of the globalized world. Fourth chapter focused on that brings forth the country's foreign policy towards African continent along with discussing peace and security in Africa. Fifth Chapter South Africa's foreign policy towards the world major countries deals with significant nations in which inspected the USA, Britain, and Russia, China, and India nations. South Africa is a nation of specific significance to comprehend contemporary global relations.

At the end the concluding chapter summarized the findings of the study. There were five major findings.

1. South Africa's role on the part of bringing peace, justice, and equality has been superior not only in the African continent but also in the world.
2. Under President Mbeki, South Africa set up itself as a vital conversationalist for Africa on a global stage a solid promoter of South solidarity and change of the archaic world-wide administration design and a pioneer in the recreation of Africa's institutional design.
3. Mbeki's foreign policy principles for the development of South Africa addressed the shared challenges of the underdevelopment; promoting global equity and social justice. South Africa established its peacekeeping image in the African continent.
4. Jacob Zuma illuminated South Africa's foreign policy in light of four columns that are the African plan, south-south participation, north-south exchange, multilateral and financial show, and respective connection with singular nations.
5. It would be right to state that these huge changes and diverse philosophy can be found in the periods of the three Presidents. Idealistic, realistic and socialistic philosophy is by all accounts found in South Africa's foreign policy.