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## **Russia and SA sign first trade agreement**

PRETORIA. — South Africa and the Russian Federation have signed a trade and economic co-operation agreement — the first of its kind between the two countries.

The agreement, signed by Finance Minister Derek Keys and the Russian Federation Ambassador to South Africa, Mr E P Goussarov, marked the normalisation and extension of trade relations, a statement said.

Both countries have undertaken to grant each other most-favoured-nation status in bilateral trade. — Sapa.