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AGREEMENT ¹ ON CULTURAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Chad.

Conscious of the special links which unite the two nations within the Community and within the moral and spiritual family of the French-speaking peoples,

Considering that the French language, the official language of the Republic of Chad, and French education have become for the Chad people, faithful to its traditions, the instrument of its cultural, political, economic and social development,

Considering the intention expressed by the Government of the Republic of Chad to ensure for education provided under its auspices a level corresponding to the standards in force in the French Republic, as also its desire that this level may be confirmed by diplomas and certificates which would be automatically valid throughout the Community,

Have agreed as follows:

TITLE I

Co-operation with regard to education

Article 1

The Government of the French Republic shall facilitate in the territory of the Republic of Chad and in its own territory the education of Chad nationals wishing to pursue a French type of education and to obtain the corresponding diplomas.

To this end it shall take all the necessary steps to place at the disposal of the Government of the Republic of Chad the qualified personnel that Government may need in the field of education, research, culture, youth and sport.

¹ Came into force on 1 October 1966, the date of the last of the communications by which the Contracting Parties notified each other of the fulfilment of the constitutional formalities required to that effect, in accordance with article 14.

Separate conventions shall determine the duties, rights and guarantees of such personnel, as also the methods whereby they shall be placed at the disposal of the Government of the Republic of Chad.

Article 2

The Government of the Republic of Chad:

- shall apply in the first instance to the Government of the French Republic for the recruitment of such personnel,
- shall accord such personnel, as also the personnel of inspectorates and of competitive and other examination boards, every facility in the accomplishment of their task,
- shall maintain in educational establishments at different levels, for the benefit of pupils wishing to follow a French curriculum, tuition in conformity with that curriculum,
- shall where necessary accord every facility to the Government of the French Republic to establish and maintain educational establishments under its authority in the territory of the Republic of Chad, with due respect for the laws and regulations governing public order and morality.

Article 3

An official with at least the rank of Secondary School Inspector shall be placed at the disposal of the Chad Republic under the conditions stipulated by the regulations in force in the French Republic.

Besides the inspection duties stipulated in the attached Convention, the Secondary School Inspector shall serve as consultant to the Minister of National Education on all problems connected with teaching, education, culture and pedagogic research.

In this capacity he may be entrusted by the Minister with missions of study or inspection.

He shall be responsible for organizing competitive and other qualifying examinations for French diplomas. He shall organize them in accordance with the conditions stipulated by French regulations, subject to the modifications laid down in pursuance of Article 4 of this Agreement.

He shall certify primary and secondary school examinations, except in the case of the *baccalauréat* diploma.

He may be entrusted, after consultation between the two Governments, with the functions of Director of Education.

Article 4

French diplomas and university degree shall be automatically valid in the territory of the Republic of Chad.

Diplomas and university degrees conferred in the territory of the Republic of Chad under the conditions stipulated in Article 3 above shall be automatically valid in the territory of the French Republic.

The curricula and attendance requirements corresponding with the diplomas and university degrees mentioned in paragraph 2 above, and the qualifying examinations, shall, if necessary, be subject to modifications mutually agreed upon by the two Governments.

The diplomas and university degrees conferred by the competent authorities of the Republic of Chad under conditions other than those stipulated in paragraph 2 above may be recognized in the territory of the French Republic as the equivalent of the corresponding French diplomas and university degrees, subject to the approval of the Mixed Franco-Chad Commission, established by agreement on 19 May 1964 ¹.

Article 5

Physical or juridical persons who are nationals of one of the Contracting Parties may set up private educational establishments in the territory of the other Party, provided that they have obtained the prior authorization of the receiving Government, that they have the necessary teaching qualifications and that they conform to the laws and regulations in force in the place of the establishment.

Authorizations granted to establishments regularly set up at the time this Agreement comes into force are hereby confirmed.

TITLE II

CULTURAL EXCHANGES

Article 6

The two Contracting Parties shall do all in their power to encourage cultural exchanges, of both personnel and resources, in the field of culture, research, training and education.

¹ See p. 3 of this volume.

Article 7

Each of the two Contracting Parties shall undertake to facilitate the studies or research of nationals of the other Party, by granting scholarships, loans and research scholarships, by organizing courses, and by allowing such nationals access to university and cultural establishments or research institutes under its control.

The Government of the French Republic shall undertake in particular to facilitate the entry of Chad candidates to the grandes écoles (colleges of higher specialized education), (university) faculties and establishments of technical or higher education of the French Republic.

In particular, students of the Republic of Chad who wish to become teachers, and practising teachers who seek additional qualifications or membership of an inspectorate, may be invited to complete their pedagogic training in the specialized establishments of the French Republic.

Article 8

Each of the two Contracting Parties shall undertake to promote the setting up in its territory of libraries, institutes and cultural centres with a view to making their culture and civilization better known to each other.

Each of the two Contracting Parties shall allow the other, in its own territory and subject to the laws and regulations in force concerning public education, duty-free admission and free circulation of all types of educational and cultural material such as: books, periodicals, newspapers, educational gramophone records, photographs, lantern-slides, non-commercial films, as also all measures designed to ensure and increase co-operation between the two States with regard to the cinema, broadcasting and television.

The two Parties shall also undertake to promote knowledge of their respective national life by all possible means, including the organization of instructional travel, courses, exchanges of teachers and young people, and the award of scholarships and the use of audiovisual techniques of communication.

Article 9

The two Contracting Parties shall undertake to facilitate for the nationals of the other, each in its own territory, the carriyng out of missions of scientific research and archaeological excavation, the consultation of archives and administrative documents and the organization of artistic, cultural and sporting events.

TITLE III

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 10

By agreement between the two Governments, the Government of the French Republic may place at the disposal of the Republic of Chad temporary missions for the purpose of study or research or to ensure the organization and operation of educational or cultural services.

Article 11

University and cultural organizations of each Contracting Party shall enjoy in the territory of the other Party, subject to the laws and regulations in force in their territories, the tax and related benefits accorded to the corresponding national government organizations.

Article 12

The Mixed Franco-Chad Commission set up by the Agreement of 19 May 1964 shall be responsible for supervising the implementation of the present Agreement.

Article 13

This Agreement shall annul and replace the Agreement on Cultural Cooperation of 11 August 1960.

Article 14

Each Contracting Party shall notify the other when the formalities required under its Constitution for the entry into force of this Agreement have been completed. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the last such notification.

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