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AGREEMENT¹ FOR CO-OPERATION IN CIVIL AVIATION, AIR NAVIGATION, AIR AND METEOROLOGICAL BASES

The President of the French Republic and

The President of the Republic of Cameroon,

Considering that the French Republic and the Republic of Cameroon are willing to co-operate in the field of civil aviation,

Have resolved to conclude the present agreement.

They have for this purpose appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

The President of the French Republic:

M. Maurice Couve de Murville, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

The President of the Republic of Cameroon:

Mr. Charles-René Okala, Minister for Foreign Affairs,

Who, having exchanged full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed on the following provisions:

Article 1

In the interests of information and harmonization of their respective positions, the Civil Aviation Administrations of the French and Cameroon Republics shall co-ordinate their actions closely and shall exchange any information which may be useful to them. They shall consult each other before any International Technical Conference of common interest to them.

Article 2

At the request of the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, the French Republic will give assistance in the training of Cameroonian technicians, who could, *inter alia*, be admitted to French specialized technical schools.

Until such time as the Cameroon has its own skilled personnel, the

¹ Came into force on 27 January 1961 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Paris, in accordance with article 9.

Government of the Republic of Cameroon shall entrust the technical management of its civil aviation services to a French technical assistance mission.

To this end, the Government of the French Republic declares itself willing to examine the requests submitted by the Government of the Republic of Cameroon concerning the staff required for the smooth running of the civil aviation services.

The French Republic will also assist the Republic of Cameroon by sending missions of experts and technicians.

Article 3

The Government of the French Republic will continue, within the framework of technical assistance, to provide the Cameroonian meteorological service, free of charge, with the usual technical material needed for its smooth running, in particular radio-sonde apparatus and instruments.

Article 4

At the request of the Republic of Cameroon, the French Republic will assist it in the determination and preparation of its civil aviation equipment programmes.

Article 5

The French Republic and the Republic of Cameroon will consult each other, as far as is necessary, for the purpose of harmonizing their technical regulations in the field of civil aviation.

Article 6

Until such time as the Republic of Cameroon is able to staff its own search and rescue service, operations of this kind shall be guaranteed under the conditions in force at the date of signature of the present agreement.

Article 7

Pending the conclusion of a special agreement concerning the international airport at Douala and its outlying buildings, the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Cameroon shall agree that the present regulations for the management of the said airport, entrusted to the French Republic by Cameroon, and for the services attached to it, shall remain in force. The Cameroonian Department of Meteorology shall guarantee meteorological protection and responsibility for air navigation at this airport.

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Article 8

The French Government will provide technical assistance for the creation of a Cameroonian air transport company.

Article 9

This agreement will come into force on the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification, which shall take place in Paris as soon as possible.

DONE at Yaoundé, in duplicate, on the thirteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and sixty.

[CHARLES-RENÉ OKALA] [MAURICE COUVE DE MURVILLE]

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