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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY ON CO-OPERATION¹

The President of the French Republic and
The President of the Republic of Cameroon,

Desiring to lay down the principles on the basis of which the two States propose to establish, on a footing of complete equality and respect for each other's independence, ties of friendship and co-operation for the mutual benefit of France and Cameroon,

Wishing to establish procedures for their co-operation in the sphere of foreign relations and determined thereby to strengthen the solidarity which unites them,

Have decided to conclude this Treaty.

They have appointed as their plenipotentiaries for this purpose:

The President of the French Republic:

Mr. 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 their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The President of the French Republic shall accredit an Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon who shall be the doyen of the diplomatic corps in Cameroon. The President of the Republic of Cameroon shall accredit an Ambassador to the French Republic who shall enjoy a privileged position among accredited diplomatic envoys in Paris.

Article 2

The two States shall conduct their diplomatic relations in such a way as to recognize the special ties which unite them and to promote effective co-operation at all levels between French and Cameroonian missions.

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.

To this end, a procedure shall be devised for regular consultations between the two Governments on foreign policy matters.

Article 3

France, when so requested by Cameroon, shall provide representation for the latter in States and organizations in which it has no representation of its own.

In such cases, French diplomatic and consular agents and French representatives shall act in accordance with the policy and instructions of the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, which shall be conveyed to them through the Government of the French Republic.

In exceptional circumstances, however, communications which clearly require urgent administrative attention may be exchanged directly between the Government of Cameroon and French diplomatic and consular agents.

Article 4

At the request of the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, the Government of the French Republic shall provide such technical assistance as may be necessary for the establishment and training of the Cameroonian diplomatic and consular corps.

Article 5

The French Republic shall support applications of the Republic of Cameroon for membership in international organizations of which it is not yet a member.

The French Government shall make available to the Government of Cameroon documentation prepared by such bodies and archives dealing with the affairs of Cameroon.

Article 6

No provision of this Treaty shall be construed as a breach of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations or of treaties or commitments currently in force between either Contracting State and third States. Furthermore, no provision of this Treaty shall be construed as in any way limiting the right of either Contracting State to negotiate and conclude treaties, conventions or other international instruments.

Article 7

The High Contracting Parties agree that any dispute regarding the application or interpretation of this Treaty which they have failed to resolve by direct negotiations shall be settled in accordance with procedures prescribed by international law.

Article 8

The following Agreements and Conventions shall be annexed to this Treaty and form an integral part thereof:

- (a) Agreement on Co-operation in Economic, Monetary and Financial Matters.¹
- (b) Convention concerning Relations between the Cameroon Treasury and the French Treasury.²
- (c) Cultural Agreement.³
- (d) General Agreement for Technical Co-operation in Personnel Matters.⁴
- (e) Agreement for co-operation in civil aviation.⁵
- (f) Agreement concerning Technical Military Assistance to the Cameroonian Armed Forces.⁶
- (g) Agreement concerning the Role and Status of the French Military Mission to Cameroon.⁷

Article 9

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

DONE in duplicate at Yaoundé on 13 November 1960.

[CHARLES-RENÉ OKALA]

[MAURICE COUVE DE MURVILLE]

¹ See p. 159 of this volume.

² See p. 183 of this volume.

³ See p. 101 of this volume.

⁴ See p. 225 of this volume.

⁵ See p. 217 of this volume.

⁶ See p. 197 of this volume.

⁷ See p. 205 of this volume.