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and  
SENEGAL**

**Agreement on co-operation in the field of higher education. Signed  
at Paris on 5 August 1961**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH  
REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL

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The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Senegal,

Considering that the Republic of Senegal has acceded to independence and that the French Republic has recognized it as an independent and sovereign State,

Considering that French, as the official language of the Republic of Senegal, and the French type of education have been the historical instrument of the modern advancement and cultural, political, economic and social development of the Senegalese people, while at the same time it remains faithful to its African traditions,

Desiring to develop the intellectual and spiritual bonds thus established between the two countries within the community of French-speaking nations,

Being conscious of the need for Senegal to provide higher education of international calibre as the culmination of its various levels of education,

Have agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

The French Republic shall co-operate with the Republic of Senegal in order to ensure the maintenance and development in Senegal of higher education equal in quality to that provided by French universities and institutions of higher education.

*Article 2*

In the territory of the Republic of Senegal, higher education shall be provided by the University of Dakar and its constituent or subsidiary institutions, existing or to be established.

The University of Dakar and its constituent or subsidiary institutions shall be public institutions of the Republic of Senegal.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 5 August 1961 by signature.

The above-mentioned Agreement ceased to have effect on 11 June 1965, the date of entry into force of the Agreement between France and Senegal on co-operation in the field of higher education signed at Paris on 15 May 1964, in accordance with article 24 of the latter Agreement (see No. 10881 hereafter).

*Article 3*

Degrees and diplomas awarded by the University of Dakar in accordance with the French regulations shall have in Senegal, as in France, the value of State degrees and diplomas. They shall be recorded at the University of Dakar on behalf of both the Ministry of Education of the French Republic and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Senegal.

Any amendments which may be made to the said regulations shall take effect unless the Government of the Republic of Senegal objects thereto after consultation with the University Council and with the Board of Higher Education of the Republic of Senegal.

Other diplomas and certificates awarded by the University of Dakar, after consultation with the University Council and with the Board of Higher Education of the Republic of Senegal, may, on the basis of a report by a commission constituted for the purpose by the Contracting Parties, be recognized in the territory of the French Republic as the equivalent of French diplomas.

Degrees and diplomas awarded by French universities shall be automatically valid in the territory of the Republic of Senegal.

*Article 4*

The management and administration of the University of Dakar and of its institutions which prepare students for the degrees and diplomas referred to in article 3, first paragraph, shall be carried out, subject to the authority of the Rector, in accordance with the provisions and particularly the financial régime which are applicable on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

Any amendments which may be made to the said provisions shall take effect unless the Government of the Republic of Senegal objects thereto after consultation with the University Council and with the Board of Higher Education of the Republic of Senegal.

The management and administration of the institutions of the University of Dakar which prepare students for the diplomas and certificates referred to in article 3, third paragraph, shall be carried out, subject to the authority of the Rector, in accordance with provisions laid down by mutual agreement, after consultation with the University Council and with the Board of Higher Education of the Republic of Senegal.

The annual management report of the Rector, as President of the Dakar University Council, shall be transmitted to the two Governments.

*Article 5*

The University of Dakar shall be open to all students offering proof of the requisite qualifications for admission to its constituent or subsidiary institutions.

*Article 6*

The development plan for the University of Dakar and its subsidiary institutions shall be drawn up jointly by the Contracting Parties within the limits of the funds and resources which can be allocated for the purpose.

Within the framework of the said plan, the University of Dakar shall develop the types of research and instruction which are in keeping with its particular vocation, in the service of Senegal and Africa.

It shall endeavour, *inter alia*, to provide training and advanced training for the senior scientific, technical and administrative personnel needed by the Republic of Senegal and by such African States as may request them.

*Article 7*

The Rector of the University of Dakar shall be designated by mutual agreement between the Contracting Parties. He shall be appointed both by Decree of the President of the French Republic and by Decree of the President of the Republic of Senegal, issued on the same date.

He shall be appointed Director of Higher Education of the Republic of Senegal by Decree in the Council of Ministers of Senegal.

*Article 8*

Members of the staff of the University of Dakar shall be subject to the statutory provisions governing staff members in the same categories at French universities and the provisions relating to French personnel serving in the territory of the Republic of Senegal.

In particular, the privileges and freedoms of French universities shall be guaranteed at the University of Dakar.

*Article 9*

Bearing in mind the common desire expressed in article 1 above to maintain the quality of the education provided by the University of Dakar, the French Republic undertakes to facilitate, by all means in its power, the access of candidates of Senegalese nationality to positions in higher education.

The Rector of the University of Dakar shall submit proposals on the subject to the competent authorities of the two countries.

*Article 10*

The Contracting Parties shall donate to the University of Dakar the movable and immovable property belonging to them which is in the possession of the said University on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

The immovable property referred to in this article shall constitute the assets of the University of Dakar and shall be registered in its name.

*Article 11*

The members of the Governing Council of the University of Dakar who are not members of the staff of the University shall be nominated by the Board of Higher Education of the Republic of Senegal for selection by the Governing Council; they shall be appointed for three years by the Rector; they must possess the nationality of a French-speaking African State which sends students to the University, and a majority of them must be Senegalese nationals.

The University Council may co-opt persons of distinction in university life, who shall sit in a consultative capacity.

*Article 12*

The Governing Councils of the University or Faculty Institutes of the University of Dakar shall be composed, in equal numbers, of members selected by the Rector and persons of distinction appointed by him on the nomination of the Board of Higher Education of the Republic of Senegal.

The last-mentioned persons must possess the nationality of a French-speaking African State which sends students to the University, and at least half of them must be Senegalese nationals.

*Article 13*

The provisions of a Senegalese Decree establishing a Board of Higher Education of the Republic of Senegal shall, after an exchange of letters signifying the agreement of the Parties, specify the framework in which the co-operation between the Contracting Parties in the management, administration and development of higher education in Senegal shall take place.

DONE at Paris, in duplicate, on 5 August 1961.

For the Government  
of the French Republic:

[Signed]

JEAN FOYER

For the Government  
of the Republic of Senegal:

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