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and
BURUNDI

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Signed at Bujumbura on 26 May 1970**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

**BASIC AGREEMENT¹ ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD
OF HIGHER EDUCATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH RE-
PUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI**

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

Considering the special ties which freely unite the French Republic and the Republic of Burundi, in particular the Agreement on cultural and technical co-operation of 11 February 1963,²

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

Considering that, if higher education in the territory of the Republic of Burundi is to remain faithful to its mission, it must be based on the realities of black Africa,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

At the request of the Government of Burundi, the French Republic undertakes to assist the Republic of Burundi in maintaining and developing in its territory higher education of an international standard.

For the purposes of this Agreement, higher education in the territory of Burundi means education which is open to holders of the *baccalauréat* or of a diploma recognized as the equivalent thereof, whether it be university instruction in the traditional sense of the term or instruction expressly aimed at training senior scientific, technical, teaching and administrative personnel.

Article II

The Burundi authorities shall determine the organization and content of the instruction provided by the State University of Bujumbura.

Diplomas awarded by the State University of Bujumbura may, at the request of the Burundi authorities and in accordance with the required proce-

¹ Came into force on 26 May 1970 by signature, in accordance with article VI.

² See p. 55 of this volume.

ture, be recognized as the equivalent of the corresponding French diplomas, subject to assessment of the level of studies and of the qualifications of the teaching staff by the French authorities.

Article III

The Contracting Parties shall specify in an exchange of letters the action to be taken to ensure, as a transitional measure, that students already studying may avail themselves of the present system governing diplomas and certificates.

Article IV

French assistance shall be specified in multiannual programmes determined by mutual agreement and implemented annually by a Franco-Burundi committee having an equal number of members from each Party.

The practical details of this assistance shall be specified in Conventions annexed hereto.

Article V

A Franco-Burundi committee having an equal number of members from each Party shall be established to keep under review the application of this Agreement. Its composition and the frequency of its meetings shall be specified in an exchange of letters.

Article VI

This Agreement and the Conventions annexed hereto shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of signatures.

DONE at Bujumbura, on 26 May 1970.

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of the French Republic:

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