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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON AND THE UNITED NATIONS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INSTITUTE FOR DEMOGRAPHIC TRAINING AND RESEARCH AT YAOUNDÉ

The Government of the Federal Republic of Cameroon (hereinafter called “the Government”) and the United Nations,

Desiring to promote and strengthen research and training in demography and related fields through the establishment of an institute for demographic training and research in Yaoundé (hereinafter called “the Institute”), which will help to implement the African Population Programme,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE

1. An Institute for Demographic Training and Research, to be called “the Yaoundé Demographic Institute”, shall be established in Yaoundé under the joint auspices of the Government and the United Nations in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the arrangements which the Government and the United Nations may make to implement it. The Institute shall seek to serve the French-speaking countries in Africa, taking into account the coverage of the Cairo Demographic Centre, with a view to avoiding a duplication of facilities.

2. The objectives and activities of the Institute shall be:

- (a) To serve as a training and research institute in demography and related fields for countries referred to in paragraph 1 above which may wish to avail themselves of such services;

¹ Came into force on 9 November 1971 by signature, in accordance with article VIII (1).

- (b) To conduct, guide and, in consultation with the United Nations, publish fundamental as well as applied research on population trends and their relation to economic and social factors, taking account of the results of recent population censuses and other data, as well as to undertake field research work within the countries referred to in paragraph 1 above, at the request of or by agreement with the Governments concerned, and to publish the results in consultation with the United Nations;

- (c) To provide courses of intensive classroom training or guided research in demography and related fields in French. The Institute may also provide special courses and in-service training.

- (d) To provide, at the request of countries served by the Institute, information or advisory services in demography and related fields, consistent with other advisory services of the United Nations.

3. The training facilities of the Institute shall be available to:

- (a) Trainees from countries referred to in paragraph 1 above, who may be granted fellowships for training or research work at the Institute by the United Nations in accordance with the terms of article V below, or by national or international institutions under special arrangements approved by the Governing Council of the Institute mentioned in article II below. A limited number of nationals of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, normally not to exceed five, will be financed by the United Nations.

- (b) Nationals of the Federal Republic of Cameroon selected as trainees by the Government, in addition to the limited number financed by the United Nations under article I, paragraph 3 (a), whose maximum number will be determined by mutual agreement between the United Nations and the Government within the maximum possibilities of the Institute for research and training in each academic year, the under-

standing being that the expenses of these trainees will be borne by the Government of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, in accordance with article VI, paragraph 1 (j), below

- (c) Research workers and students at universities or other institutions in the countries served by the Institute, up to a maximum number to be determined by the Governing Council of the Institute.

4. The Institute shall decide, through its Governing Council, the minimum educational standard required for enrolment in its training or research programmes. Upon recommendation from the Governing Council, the training and research curriculum, as well as the policy regarding entrance tests of enrolment and final examinations, shall be determined by mutual agreement between the United Nations and the Government, with a view to ensuring recognition of diplomas awarded by the Institute.

5. The Institute shall have a juridical personality independent of that of the parties, and shall not be considered as forming part of either the United Nations or the Government.

6. Co-operative relationship shall be established with agencies of the Government, as well as with universities and academic and research institutions in the countries served by the Institute, and with the specialized agencies of the United Nations, in the interest of the training, research and advisory programmes of the Institute.

Article II

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. A Governing Council shall be entrusted with the responsibility for the over-all establishment and evaluation of the training, research and advisory programmes of the Institute and for the related requirements for the proper functioning of the Institute.

2. The Governing Council shall consist of six members designated as follows:

- Three members appointed by the Government, of whom one shall be designated by the Government as Chairman of the Governing Council;
- Three members appointed by the United Nations, of whom one shall

be designated as representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, another one as representative of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, and the third one shall be the Director of the Institute (referred to in article IV below).

3. The Governing Council shall convene as often as is necessary, but not less than once each year.

4. The Governing Council shall adopt its own internal regulations, including delegation of part of its authority to the Director as it finds necessary for the expedient functioning of the Institute.

Article III

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. An Advisory Committee (hereinafter called "the Committee") shall be established and shall be composed of the following members:

- The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa or his designee;
- The Director of the Population Division of the United Nations or his designee;
- The Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme in the Federal Republic of Cameroon or his designee;
- Up to three experts designated by the Government;
- Three experts from three of the countries served by the Institute (other than Cameroon), to be chosen in consultation with the Governments concerned. Such countries shall, as far as possible, become eligible by rotation, in an order to be determined by the Governing Council;
- A representative of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population;
- Two representatives to be designated by the United Nations from the personnel of interested specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations working in the countries served by the Institute;
- A representative selected by the faculty members of the Institute;

— The Director of the Institute.

2. The Committee shall convene once every two years and shall elect its Chairman for the session.

3. The Committee shall be the body responsible for programming and evaluation in the Institute. It shall review the research and training programmes of the Institute and make such recommendations to the Governing Council as will give expression to the interests of the countries served by the Institute in the development of these programmes, taking particularly into account the need to co-ordinate national and international interests in the research programmes of the Institute.

Article IV

THE DIRECTOR

1. The United Nations, in consultation with the Government, shall appoint a Director of the Institute.

2. The functions of the Director of the Institute shall be:

- (a) To plan, organize and direct the training, research and advisory programmes and activities of the Institute;
- (b) To assume responsibility for the administration of the Institute, in accordance with the general policy drawn up by the Governing Council and with its support and under its general supervision;
- (c) To maintain such contacts with the interested Governments, the United Nations and its specialized agencies as may be necessary for carrying out effectively the programmes of the Institute;
- (d) To maintain co-operative relations with agencies and institutions (as outlined in article I above);
- (e) To appoint technical assistants, as well as administrative and clerical staff needed for the Institute, it being understood that this staff shall not be regarded as United Nations personnel, and that payments made to them shall not result in any way in financial liabilities for the United Nations beyond that authorized under article V, paragraph 3, of this Agreement.

- (f) To travel to the countries served by the Institute, to the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa, or to United Nations Headquarters as necessary for the development and good operation and effectiveness of the programmes of the Institute. He shall also consult the Governments concerned with respect to the appropriate employment of past trainees in their national services;
- (g) To prepare annual reports on the progress of training, research and advisory activities of the Institute for presentation to the Governing Council. The report of the Director, or excerpts therefrom may be circulated among the Governments of the countries served by the Institute, provided that such action is mutually agreed upon by the United Nations and the Government;
- (h) To represent the Institute and act on its behalf in dealings with other bodies, institutions or individuals.

3. The Director shall maintain liaison, by correspondence or otherwise, with the appropriate offices of the United Nations. He shall keep the United Nations informed of the activities of the Institute and suggest ways and means of improving its effectiveness within the total population and development programmes of the United Nations.

4. The Director shall assist the Governing Council and the Advisory Committee in the functions stipulated in article III above. He shall service the meetings and maintain their records. He will also be responsible for the implementation of decisions taken by the Governing Council and for the circulation of recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

5. The Director shall, in the event of his absence or illness, delegate his authority in substantive and administrative functions to a senior member of the staff of the Institute. Such delegation shall be made in consultation with the Chairman of the Governing Council.

Article V

CO-OPERATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1. In accordance with the resolutions and decisions of its organs, and

within the funds available from its own resources as well as from extra-budgetary allocations, the United Nations shall provide the Institute with the following technical assistance until the end of the fifth academic year:

- (a) The services of the Director of the Institute;
- (b) The services of three to four experts and of two to three short-term consultants to serve on the staff of the Institute;
- (c) Annual fellowships, for a maximum of 25 trainees from countries served by the Institute. Such fellowships shall be awarded, in accordance with the applicable United Nations regulations, to trainees whose Governments shall request fellowships for training at the Institute. These fellowships shall include part or all of the expenses of travel from the trainee's place of residence to the Institute and return, as well as monthly stipends;
- (d) Consultation fees and expenses of field research work within the countries served by the Institute as may be planned by the Institute in accord with the Government or institutions concerned, and as may be approved by the United Nations;
- (e) Books (for the Institute's library and trainees), periodicals, journals, teaching materials, technical apparatus, provisions and supplies for field studies, printing and publishing of monographs and results of research, as well as miscellaneous contractual services and supplies, as may be approved by the United Nations;
- (f) Travel within the region of the Director and other experts assigned to the Institute, in connexion with the research and training programmes, as may be approved by the United Nations;
- (g) Travel for members of the Governing Council and the Advisory Committee, related to the activities of the Institute, as may be approved by the United Nations;
- (h) Means of transport other than those provided under article VI, paragraph 1 (h).

2. The United Nations shall utilize, for the benefit of the Institute, funds contributed to it for this purpose by public and private organizations.

3. For purposes of expediency, the United Nations may delegate part or all of its authority to operate the funds which it places annually at the disposal of the Institute to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa or to the Office of the United Nations Development Programme in Yaoundé or to the Director of the Institute. Accountability shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United Nations.

Article VI

CO-OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

1. The Government shall provide the following:

- (a) The full-time services of at least two demographers and from five to six research fellows;
- (b) Part-time services of experts on the staff of the universities and institutes in the Federal Republic of Cameroon and of interested agencies of the Government to the extent required to carry out the programmes of the Institute;
- (c) The necessary technical, administrative or clerical staff to assist the Director and the research and teaching staff of the Institute;
- (d) Facilities to carry out field training and research as may be arranged between the Institute and the Government;
- (e) Necessary premises for the adequate functioning of the Institute, including offices for the training, research and administrative staff, classrooms and appropriate places for a library and storage of equipment and supplies;
- (f) Furniture and office supplies for the Institute and the trainees' living accommodation, including utilities required for fittings and physical maintenance and safety of the premises;
- (g) Telephone, telegraph and postal services as may be required for the good functioning and administration of the Institute;
- (h) Housing accommodation for United Nations fellows who normally reside

outside Yaoundé, and such facilities for the transportation of staff and trainees within the Federal Republic of Cameroon as may be required in connexion with field trips for training and research undertaken as part of the programme of the Institute;

- (i) Such medical and housing facilities for United Nations officials assigned to the Institute as may be available to other technical assistance officials of the United Nations within the Federal Republic of Cameroon;
- (j) Monthly salaries, and travel, book or other allowances, where applicable, to nationals of the Federal Republic of Cameroon who may be selected as trainees or research workers, or assistants at the Institute in accordance with the provisions of article I above.

2. By accord between the Government and the Institute, the Government shall pay a gross contribution as its share in the expenses of the Institute, covering items of its co-operation as outlined in paragraph 1 above.

3. It shall be the responsibility of the Government to deal with any claims which may be brought by third parties residing within its territory against the United Nations and its personnel, and to hold the United Nations or its personnel harmless in case of any such claims or liabilities resulting from operations under this Agreement, except where it is agreed by the parties hereto that such claims or liabilities arise from gross negligence of the wilful misconduct of such personnel.

Article VII

FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. Scientific apparatus, equipment and educational materials, articles and provisions (such as calculating machines, books, films, etc.) procured for the Institute shall be imported without restrictions or prohibitions and shall be exempt from customs duties and other duties or taxes. It is understood, however, that such articles and goods shall not be sold or traded in the Federal Republic of Cameroon except under conditions agreed by the Government.

2. Officials of the United Nations performing functions in connexion with the Institute shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under

articles V and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,¹ and the members of the Governing Council and of the Advisory Committee designated by the United Nations who are not otherwise officials of the Organization shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under article VI of the Convention.

3. Without prejudice to the foregoing provision, the Government undertakes to accord all members of the Governing Council and of the Advisory Committee such facilities and courtesies as are necessary for the exercise of their functions in connexion with the Institute.

4. All holders of United Nations fellowships at the Institute who are not nationals of the Federal Republic of Cameroon shall have right of entry into and exit from the Federal Republic of Cameroon and of sojourn there for the period necessary for their training. They shall be granted facilities for speedy travel; visas, where required, shall be granted promptly and free of charge.

Article VIII

OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the duly authorized representatives of the two parties. It shall remain in force until the end of the fifth academic year, and it may be extended for a future period to be agreed upon by the two parties. In any case, the parties shall initiate consultations 18 months before the end of the fifth academic year, with the aim of continuing co-operation between them in the Institute.

2. This Agreement may be modified by mutual accord between the two parties, and each party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any request for such modification.

3. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party and shall terminate 90 days after receipt of such a notice providing, however, that if such notification is received in the month preceding the opening date of a training course, or during a training course, this Agreement shall not be terminated before the training course is completed.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. 15, and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. 1, p. 18).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the United Nations and of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, have signed this Agreement in French.

DONE at Yaoundé on 9 November 1971.

For the United Nations:

[Signed]

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Resident Representative
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For the Government
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[Signed]

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