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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
FOREIGN POLICY BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
AND THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

The Government of the French Republic and
The Government of the Central African Republic,

Considering that, through the Transfer Agreement of 12 July 1960,² which entered into force on 12 August 1960, the Central African Republic acceded to independence and the French Republic recognized it as an independent and sovereign State,

Considering that the Central African Republic has expressed its desire to co-operate with the French Republic within the Community in which it participates under the conditions laid down in the agreements of today's date,³

Desiring to confirm the permanence of the bonds of friendship uniting the two peoples and recognizing that their foreign policies are, in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations, inspired by the same ideals and the same principles,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The President of the French Republic, who is also President of the Community, shall accredit a High Representative to the Head of State of the Central African Republic. This High Representative shall have the rank and prerogatives of Ambassador. He shall be the doyen of the diplomatic corps in the Central African Republic.

The Head of State of the Central African Republic shall accredit a High Representative to the President of the French Republic, President of the Community. This High Representative shall have the rank and prerogatives

¹ Came into force on 27 January 1961, the date of the last of the notifications by which the two Contracting Parties notified each other of the completion of the procedures constitutionally required, in accordance with article 7.

² See p. 335 of this volume.

³ See p. 339, 345, 365, 377, 383 and 389 of this volume.

of Ambassador. He shall have a position of privilege among the diplomatic representatives accredited to Paris.

Article 2

Consular offices shall be established in the territory of both States. The sites shall be those laid down in the annex to this Agreement. Their jurisdiction shall be defined in a subsequent agreement. Other consular offices may be opened later by joint agreement between the two Governments.

Article 3

The French Republic shall, at the request of the Central African Republic and in the States in which the latter does not maintain its own representation, ensure representation of the Central African Republic and protection for its nationals and its interests.

The French Republic shall, at the request of the Central African Republic, ensure its representation in international organizations in which the Central African Republic does not maintain its own representation.

To this end, the Government of the Central African Republic shall, through the Government of the French Republic, give any instructions to its diplomatic and consular officials and to French representatives.

Civil servants from the Central African Republic may be granted access to diplomatic and consular offices of the French Republic and of the Community in order to pursue matters of interest to the Central African Republic.

Article 4

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Central African Republic shall keep each other informed and shall consult each other on problems concerning foreign policy.

In order to discuss their different points of view and to try, before any major decision is taken, to harmonize their positions and action, they shall consult each other regularly, and in particular at the Conference of Heads of State and Government and at the periodic meetings of Heads of State and Government or of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

Likewise, the representatives of the Contracting Parties shall consult each other before the initiation of any international technical negotiations or conferences of interest to the French Republic and the Central African Republic.

Article 5

The Government of the French Republic shall assist the Government of the Central African Republic in organizing and providing technical training for the diplomatic and consular cadres of the Central African Republic.

Article 6

The French Republic shall support the application by the Central African Republic for membership of the United Nations in good time so that it can be admitted at the 1960 session, and also its application for membership of the specialized agencies.

Article 7

The two Contracting Parties shall notify each other of the completion of the procedures constitutionally required for the entry into force of this Agreement which shall take effect on the date of the last such notification.

DONE at Bangui on 13 August 1960.

For the Government
of the French Republic,
and by delegation
of the Prime Minister :

[Signed]

JEAN FOYER

Secretary of State for relations
with the States of the Community :

For the Government
of the Central African Republic :

[Signed]

DAVID DACKO

ANNEX CONCERNING CONSULAR OFFICES

In accordance with article 2 of this Agreement,

(1) French consular offices shall be established at :

Bangui
Bouar
Obo

(2) A consular office of the Central African Republic shall be established at :
Paris.