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**Basic Agreement on co-operation in the field of higher education.  
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[TRANSLATION—TRADUCTION]

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

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The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Considering the special ties which freely unite the French Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as established by the Franco-Congolese co-operation agreements of 17 July 1963;<sup>2</sup>

Desiring to develop further the intellectual, spiritual and linguistic bonds which unite the two peoples;

Recognizing that the training of professional personnel is an essential requirement in the context of development goals,

Have decided to conclude an agreement for that purpose and have agreed on the following provisions :

*Article I*

At the request of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo the French Republic shall assist the Democratic Republic of the Congo in maintaining and developing a high standard of higher education in its territory.

For the purposes of this Agreement, higher education in the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo means education which is open to holders of the *baccalauréat* or of a diploma recognized as the equivalent thereof.

*Article II*

The Congolese authorities shall determine the organization and content of the instruction provided by the various institutions of higher education established in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Diplomas awarded by the universities or institutions of higher education of each State may be recognized as the equivalent of the corresponding diplomas in accordance with the required national procedures.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 25 May 1970 by signature, in accordance with article V.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 798, p. 193.

*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 the Congolese Government.

It shall be implemented annually after review by a Franco-Congolese committee, having an equal number of members from each Party, which shall be responsible for keeping under review the application of this Agreement.

The composition of this committee and the frequency of its meetings shall be specified in an exchange of letters.

*Article V*

This Agreement and its annexes<sup>1</sup> shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of signatures.

The Agreement may be denounced by either Contracting Party; in such case it shall terminate six months after notice of the denunciation is given.

DONE at Kinshasa, on 25 May 1970.

For the Government  
of the French Republic :

[Signed]  
PIERRE BILLECOQC  
[SEAL]

For the Government  
of the Democratic Republic  
of the Congo :

[Signed]  
ÉVARISTE LOLIKI  
[SEAL]

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<sup>1</sup> Annexes not concluded at the time of registration. [Information supplied by the Government of France.]