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AGREEMENT 'CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD

The Government of the French Republic,

The Government of the Central African Republic,

The Government of the Republic of the Congo and

The Government of the Republic of Chad,

Considering that the Central African Republic, the Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Chad intend to retain French-style education within their territories as an instrument of national development,

Considering the need for these States to provide higher education of international calibre as the culmination of its various educational programmes,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Governments of the Central African Republic, the Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Chad, noting the work done by the French Republic in installing at Brazzaville a Centre for Advanced Administrative and Technical Studies to provide training for their *cadres*, request the Government of the French Republic, which agrees to do so, to maintain the Centre, develop it and upgrade it into a Centre of Higher Education.

¹ Came into force on 13 March 1961, the date of the last of the notifications by which each Contracting Party notified the others of the completion of the procedures constitutionally required, in accordance with article 7.

Article 2

The Brazzaville Centre of Higher Education shall be a public institution under French law.

The Governments of the Central African Republic, the Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Chad shall be represented on the Governing Council.

Article 3

The Brazzaville Centre of Higher Education shall be administered by the French Republic in such a way as to provide, within the framework of its study programme, education equal in quality to the corresponding education given in French universities.

The development plan for the Brazzaville Centre of Higher Education shall be drawn up jointly by the Contracting Parties within the limits of the funds and resources allocated to it.

Within the framework of this plan, the Brazzaville Centre of Higher Education shall develop the types of research and instruction which are in keeping with its particular vocation in the service of the Community and the States of Equatorial Africa.

Article 4

The Governments of the States of Equatorial Africa shall facilitate by all means in their power the operation of the Centre of Higher Education.

Moreover, they shall not authorize the opening of any other establishment of higher education in their territories without previous consultation with the Government of the French Republic.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall assist their nationals to enter university and cultural establishments and scientific research and other institutes under their authority, *inter alia* granting scholarships, student loans and research fellowships, organizing training courses and, possibly, by appointing them as assistants.

Article 6

The Government of the French Republic shall endeavour, in particular,

to simplify admission procedures of the major French establishments of higher education for applicants from States of Equatorial Africa who have been recognized as suited for the courses. These students or pupils shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as French nationals within the territory of the French Republic.

Article 7

Each Contracting Party shall notify the others 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 Brazzaville on 15 August 1960.

For the Government of the French Republic:

[Signed]

J. FOYER

For the Government of the Republic of Chad:

[Signed]

FRANÇOIS TOMBALBAYE

For the Government of the Central African Republic:

[Signed]

DAVID DACKO

For the Government of the Republic of the Congo:

[Signed]

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