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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT ON CO-OPERATION¹ BETWEEN THE
FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GABONESE REPUBLIC
WITH RESPECT TO RAW MATERIALS AND STRATEGIC
MATERIALS

The Government of the French Republic and

The Government of the Gabonese Republic,

Considering that by virtue of the Transfer Agreement of 15 July 1960,² which entered into force on 16 August 1960, the Gabonese Republic has acceded to independence and the French Republic has recognized it as an independent and sovereign State,

Considering that the Gabonese Republic has stated its intention to co-operate with the French Republic within the Community in which it shall henceforth participate under the conditions set forth in the Franco-Gabonese agreements of today's date,³

Desiring to co-operate, in the interests of defence, in the matter of raw materials and strategic materials,

Bearing in mind the advisability of holding regular consultations in this field,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Raw materials and materials classified as strategic shall be:

First category: liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons;

Second category: uranium, thorium, lithium, beryllium and helium, including their ores and compounds.

¹ Came into force on 14 February 1961, the date of the last of the notifications by which the Contracting Parties notified each other of the completion of the required procedures, in accordance with article 7.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 820, No. 11721.

³ *Ibid.*, Nos. I-11725, I-11726 and I-11727, as well as pp. 3, 11, 17, 49, 55 and 63 of this volume.

Any amendment to this list shall be the subject of an exchange of letters between the Contracting Parties.

Article 2

The French Republic shall inform the Gabonese Republic regularly of policies it intends to adopt with respect to raw materials and strategic materials in the light of general defence requirements, resource development in the States of the Community and the world market situation.

Article 3

The Gabonese Republic shall inform the French Republic of policies it intends to adopt with respect to raw materials and strategic materials and of the measures it proposes to take in implementation of such policies.

Article 4

The Gabonese Republic shall facilitate the stockpiling of strategic materials for the French armed forces. Where the interests of defence so require, it shall limit or prohibit their export to other countries.

Article 5

The French Republic shall be kept informed of programmes and plans for the export from the territory of the Gabonese Republic of raw materials and strategic materials of the second category, as listed in article 1.

The Gabonese Republic shall sell the aforesaid materials to States of the Community on a priority basis, after fulfilling its domestic requirements, and shall engage in procurement from the said States on a priority basis.

Article 6

The two Governments shall hold any necessary consultations on questions falling within the scope of this Agreement, particularly at the periodic Conference of Heads of State and Government and in the Franco-Gabonese Defence Committee.

Article 7

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

DONE at Libreville on 17 August 1960.

For the Government
of the French Republic:

J. FOYER

For the Government
of the Gabonese Republic:

[*Signed*]
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