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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

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

The Government of the French Republic and

The Government of the Republic of the Congo,

Considering that, through the Transfer Agreement of 12 July 1960,² which entered into force on 14 August 1960, the Republic of the Congo has acceded to independence and the French Republic has recognized it as an independent and sovereign State,

Considering that the Republic of the Congo 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, in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations, are inspired by the same ideals and the same principles,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The President of the French Republic, who is also the President of the Community, shall accredit to the President of the Republic of the Congo a High Representative, who shall have the rank and prerogatives of Ambassador and shall act as the special representative of the President of the Community. This High Representative shall be the doyen of the diplomatic corps in the Congo.

¹ Came into force on 24 January 1961, the date of the last of the notifications by which each Contracting Party notified the other of the completion of the procedures constitutionally required, in accordance with article 7.

² See p. 167 of this volume.

³ See pp. 181, 187, 193, 199, 209, 225, 241, 253 and 259 of this volume.

The President of the Republic of the Congo shall accredit to the President of the French Republic, President of the Community, a High Representative who shall have the rank and prerogatives of Ambassador and shall act as special representative to the President of the Community. This High Representative 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 Republic of the Congo and in the States in which the latter does not maintain its own representation, ensure representation of the Republic of the Congo and protection for its nationals and interests.

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

To this end, the Government of the Republic of the Congo 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 Republic of the Congo 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 Republic of the Congo.

Article 4

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of the Congo shall keep each other informed and shall consult each other on problems of 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 or of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

In the same spirit, the representatives of the Contracting Parties shall consult each other before the initiation of any international technical negotiations or conference of interest to the French Republic and the Republic of the Congo.

Article 5

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

Article 6

The French Republic shall support the application by the Republic of the Congo for membership in 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

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

For the Government
of the French Republic:

J. FOYER

For the Government
of the Republic of the Congo:

[Signed]
ABBÉ FULBERT YOLOU

ANNEX CONCERNING CONSULAR OFFICES

In accordance with article 2 of this Agreement,

(1) French consular offices shall be established at:

Brazzaville

Pointe Noire

(2) Consular offices of the Republic of the Congo shall be established at:

Bordeaux

Lille

Marseilles

Paris

Strasbourg.