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and  
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**Agreement on co-operation in the field of higher education.  
Signed at Libreville on 17 August 1960**

*Authentic text: French.*

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**Accord de coopération en matière d'enseignement supérieur.  
Signé à Libreville le 17 août 1960**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

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

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The Government of the French Republic and

The Government of the Gabonese Republic,

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

Considering that the Gabonese Republic has expressed the desire to co-operate with the French Republic within the Community of which it is henceforth a member under the conditions set forth in the Franco-Gabonese agreements of today's date,<sup>3</sup>

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1*

In order to encourage the spread of French culture throughout the Gabonese Republic, the two Contracting Parties shall assist Gabonese nationals to enter University establishments scientific research and other institutes under their authority *inter alia*, by granting scholarships, student loans and research fellowships, by organizing training courses and, possibly, by appointing them as assistants.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 5.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 820, No. I-11721.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, Nos. I-11725, I-11726 and I-11727, as well as pp. 3, 17, 41, 49, 55 and 63 of this volume.

*Article 2*

The Government of the French Republic shall, in particular, endeavour by all means in its power to simplify admission procedures into the major French institutions of higher education for Gabonese applicants who have been recognized as suited for the courses. These students or pupils shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as French nationals in the territory of the French Republic.

*Article 3*

Furthermore, in order to hasten the training of senior *cadres* of the Gabonese Republic, the French Republic shall, at the request of the Gabonese Republic, agree to admit to its institutions of higher education as short-term students those Gabonese students who hold the diplomas required for participation in the competitive entrance examination or who have regularly followed the preparatory classes for these competitive or other examinations.

*Article 4*

The procedures for organizing and administering higher education in the territory of the Gabonese Republic, the distribution of the financial costs and the régime of the institutions shall be laid down in subsequent agreements.

*Article 5*

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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