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FRANCE
and
GABON

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Gabonese Republic in the Community. Signed at Libreville on
17 August 1960**

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août 1960**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

SPECIAL AGREEMENT¹ ON THE CONDITIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC IN THE COMMUNITY

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 that 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,

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The Gabonese Republic hereby confirms its membership in the Community under the conditions laid down in this Agreement and in the Franco-Gabonese co-operation agreements of today's date.³

Article 2

The Gabonese Republic shall recognize that the President of the French Republic is *de jure* the President of the Community.

Article 3

The French Republic and the Gabonese Republic shall participate in a periodic Conference of Heads of State and Government presided over by the President of the Community in order to work together on the main problems affecting the Community.

They shall also participate in committees of ministers or experts in which the other States may be represented.

¹ Came into force on 14 February 1961, the date of the last of the notifications by which each Contracting Party notified the other of the completion of the procedures required, in accordance with article 5.

² See p. 373 of this volume.

³ See pp. 373, 377, 381, 387, 399 and 407 of this volume, and vol. 821, pp. 3, 11, 17, 41, 49, 55, 63 and 69.

Article 4

The Gabonese Republic shall have the right to send a delegation to an Interparliamentary Consultative Senate composed of delegates of the legislative assemblies of the States of the Community.

Article 5

Each Contracting Party shall notify the 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 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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