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**FRANCE  
and  
GABON**

**Agreement concerning transitional provisions applicable until the  
entry into force of the agreements on co-operation. Signed at  
Paris on 15 July 1960**

*Authentic text : French.*

*Registered by France on 19 April 1972.*

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**Accord relatif aux dispositions transitoires applicables jusqu'à  
l'entrée en vigueur des accords de coopération. Signé à Paris  
le 15 juillet 1960**

*Texte authentique : français.*

*Enregistré par la France le 19 avril 1972.*

## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> CONCERNING TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS  
APPLICABLE UNTIL THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE  
AGREEMENTS ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE  
FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GABONESE REPUBLIC

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The Government of the French Republic, on the one hand,  
The Government of the Gabonese Republic, on the other,  
Have agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

Until the entry into force of the Agreements on Co-operation,<sup>2</sup> the provisions laid down in the following articles shall be applicable.

*Article 2*

The French Republic shall continue to provide diplomatic protection for Gabonese nationals abroad.

*Article 3*

The French armed forces shall continue to carry out the missions currently assigned to them in accordance with the rules and procedures applicable on the date on which this Agreement is signed.

The Franco-Gabonese Defence Committee, for which provision is made in the Agreement on co-operation in defence matters,<sup>3</sup> shall be constituted forthwith in order to make arrangements for the establishment of the Gabonese armed forces.

*Article 4*

The existing systems governing trade and currency issue, the methods of co-operation within the franc zone, the status of public land and the general organization of external and common transport and of telecommunications shall continue to apply.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 16 August 1960, i.e. at the same time as the Special Agreement of 15 July 1960 transferring the powers of the Community to the Gabonese Republic (see p. 373 of this volume), in accordance with article 5.

<sup>2</sup> See pp. 373, 377, 387, 393, 399 and 407 of this volume, and vol. 821, pp. 3, 11, 17, 41, 49, 55, 63 and 69.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 821, p. 17.

*Article 5*

This Agreement shall enter into force at the same time as the Agreement of today's date<sup>1</sup> transferring the powers of the Community to the Gabonese Republic.

DONE at Paris on 15 July 1960.

For the Government  
of the French Republic :

[Signed]

MICHEL DEBRÉ

For the Government  
of the Gabonese Republic :

[Signed]

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<sup>1</sup> See p. 373 of this volume.