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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

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

The Government of the French Republic and
The Government of the Gabonese Republic,

Considering that through the Transfer Agreement of 15 July 1960,² 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 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 are, in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations, inspired by the same ideals and the same principles,

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The President of the French Republic, who is also President of the Community, shall accredit a High Representative to the Gabonese Republic. This High Representative shall have the rank and prerogatives of Ambassador. He shall be the doyen of the diplomatic corps in Gabon.

The Gabonese Republic shall accredit a High Representative to the French Republic. This High Representative shall have the rank and prerogatives of Ambassador. He 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 and their jurisdiction shall be decided in an exchange of letters.

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

² See p. 373 of this volume.

³ See pp. 373, 377, 381, 387, 393 and 407 of this volume, and vol. 821, pp. 3, 11, 17, 41, 49, 55, 63 and 69.

Article 3

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

In this case, diplomatic and consular officials and French representatives shall act in accordance with instructions from the Gabonese Government, transmitted through the French Government.

Civil servants of the Gabonese Government may be granted access to French diplomatic or consular offices in order to pursue matters of interest to the Gabonese Republic.

Article 4

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Gabonese Republic shall keep each other informed and shall consult each other on problems concerning 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 and at the periodic meetings of the Heads of State and Government or of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

Likewise, the representatives of the Contracting Parties shall consult each other, before the initiation of any international technical negotiations or conferences of interest to the French Republic and the Gabonese Republic.

Article 5

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

Article 6

As soon as the Gabonese Republic has formulated its request for membership of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, the French Republic shall support its candidature.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall notify each 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 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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