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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY ON CO-OPERATION<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE FRENCH  
REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF DAHOMEY

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The President of the French Republic and  
The President of the Republic of Dahomey,

Desiring to lay down the principles on the basis of which the two States propose to give expression, in circumstances of complete equality and of respect for each other's independence, to the durable ties of friendship which unite their two peoples;

Recognizing that their foreign policies are based on the ideals and principles of freedom, democracy and humanism embodied in the Charter of the United Nations;

Wishing to determine and to specify the modalities for their sincere co-operation and thereby to strengthen their solidarity,

Have decided to conclude this Treaty.

For this purpose,

The President of the French Republic, having designated as his plenipotentiary Mr. Michel Debré, Prime Minister, whose powers have been found in good and due form, and

The President of the Republic of Dahomey, acting by virtue of the powers vested in him,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1*

Each High Contracting Party shall accredit an Ambassador to the other High Contracting Party.

The Ambassador of the French Republic at Porto Novo shall be the doyen of the diplomatic corps. The Ambassador of the Republic of Dahomey shall enjoy a privileged position among accredited diplomatic envoys in Paris.

*Article 2*

The two States shall conduct their diplomatic relations in such a way as to recognize the special ties of friendship which unite them, in particular by holding regular consultations on foreign policy matters.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 6 October 1961 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Porto Novo, in accordance with article 6.

*Article 3*

The French Republic, when so requested by the Republic of Dahomey, shall provide representation for the latter and ensure the protection of its nationals and interests in States where it has no representation of its own.

The French Republic, when so requested by the Republic of Dahomey, shall provide representation for the latter in international organizations where it has no representation of its own.

To this end, the Government of the Republic of Dahomey shall, in cases requiring urgent attention, give guidance and instructions directly to French diplomatic and consular agents and representatives.

*Article 4*

No provision of this Treaty shall be construed as in any way limiting the right of either Contracting State to negotiate and conclude treaties, conventions or other international instruments.

*Article 5*

The High Contracting Parties agree that any dispute regarding the application or interpretation of this Treaty which they are unable to resolve by direct negotiations shall be settled in accordance with procedures prescribed by international law.

*Article 6*

This Treaty shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Porto Novo as soon as possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the aforementioned plenipotentiaries have signed this Treaty and thereto affixed their seals.

DONE at Paris on 24 April 1961.

[Signed]

M. DEBRÉ

[Signed]

HUBERT MAGA