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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

## MODEL AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE RWANDESE REPUBLIC

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

Considering the special ties which freely unite the Rwandese Republic and the French Republic, in particular the Agreement of friendship and co-operation, signed on 20 October 1962<sup>2</sup> and the Agreement on cultural and technical co-operation between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Rwandese Republic, signed on 4 December 1962;<sup>3</sup>

Desiring to develop the intellectual, spiritual and linguistic bonds thus established between the two countries within the community of French-speaking nations,

Have agreed as follows:

### *Article I*

At the request of the Rwandese Government, the French Republic undertakes to assist the Rwandese Republic in maintaining and developing in its territory higher education of an international standard.

For the purposes of this Agreement, higher education in the territory of the Rwandese Republic includes any instruction open to holders of the *baccalauréat* or of a qualification recognized as the equivalent thereof, whether university instruction or instruction aimed especially at training senior personnel.

### *Article II*

The Rwandese authorities shall determine the organization and content of the instruction provided by the National University of Rwanda (NUR) and other training institutions for senior personnel.

At the request of the Rwandese authorities and subject to assessment of the level of studies and of the qualifications of the teaching staff by the competent French authorities, diplomas awarded by the NUR and other training institutions for senior personnel shall be recognized as the equivalent of corresponding French diplomas in accordance with the required procedures.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 26 May 1970 by signature, in accordance with article VI.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 309 of this volume.

<sup>3</sup> See p. 313 of this volume.

*Article III*

The Contracting Parties shall specify in an exchange of letters the action to be taken to ensure, as a transitional measure, that students already studying may avail themselves of the present system governing diplomas and certificates.

*Article IV*

French assistance shall be specified in multiannual programmes determined by mutual agreement and implemented annually by a Franco-Rwandese Committee having an equal number of members from each Party.

The practical details shall be specified in Conventions annexed hereto.<sup>1</sup>

*Article V*

A Franco-Rwandese Committee having an equal number of members from each Party shall be established to keep under review the application of this Agreement. Its composition and the frequency of its meetings shall be determined by mutual agreement in an exchange of letters.

*Article VI*

This Agreement and the Conventions annexed hereto shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of signatures.

DONE at Kigali on 26 May 1970.

For the Government  
of the French Republic:

JEAN-F. DE LA BOISSIÈRE  
Ambassador of France to Rwanda

For the Government  
of the Rwandese Republic:

SYLVESTRE NSANZIMANA  
Minister  
for International Co-operation

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<sup>1</sup> As of 19 June 1972 no such convention had been concluded (information provided by the Government of France).