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and  
RWANDA**

**Treaty of Friendship. Signed at Kigali on 4 July 1970**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM AND THE RWANDESE REPUBLIC

His Majesty the King of the Belgians and

His Excellency the President of the Rwandese Republic,

Desirous of strengthening the traditional bonds of peace and friendship between their two countries and of encouraging closer relations between their two peoples,

Considering that the friendship and mutual assistance which have in the past brought the two countries together to their common advantage should in the future be reflected in a special relationship between the two sovereign States,

Have resolved to conclude a Treaty of Friendship, and for that purpose have appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

His Majesty the King of the Belgians:

His Excellency Mr. Abel Dubois, Minister of Education;

His Excellency the President of the Rwandese Republic:

His Excellency Mr. Sylvestre Nsanzimana, Minister for International Co-operation;

Who, having communicated to each other their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The Contracting Parties hereby conclude with each other a general Treaty of Friendship.

They assure each other of their mutual collaboration and shall consult together on all matters of common interest for the purpose of better achieving their common aims: stability and cordiality in the relations between the Kingdom of Belgium and the Rwandese Republic.

*Article 2.* The Contracting Parties agree to examine jointly the characteristics of their bilateral relations with a view to embodying the principles and modalities thereof in separate conventions.

*Article 3.* Pursuant to article 1, the Governments of the Contracting Parties and their representatives shall undertake regular exchanges of view in such manner as shall be agreed between the two Governments.

*Article 4.* This Treaty shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Brussels as soon as possible.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 15 April 1973, i.e. one month after the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Brussels on 15 March 1973, in accordance with article 4.

This Treaty, which is concluded for an indefinite period, shall enter into force one month after the date of exchange of the instruments of ratification.

Kigali, 4 July 1970.

[Signed]

A. DUBOIS  
Minister of Education

[Signed]

S. NSANZIMANA  
Minister for International Co-operation

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