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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

BASIC AGREEMENT¹ ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI AND THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

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

Considering the special ties which freely unite the Republic of Mali and the French Republic,

Desiring to develop the bonds between French-speaking nations,

Considering that, if higher education in the territory of the Republic of Mali is to remain faithful to its mission, it must be based on the realities of Africa in general and those of Mali in particular,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. At the request of the Government of Mali, the French Republic undertakes to assist the Republic of Mali 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 Republic of Mali means education which is open to holders of the Malian *baccalauréat* or of a diploma recognized as the equivalent thereof, whether it be university instruction or instruction expressly aimed at training senior teaching, medical, scientific, technical and administrative personnel.

Article II. The Malian authorities shall determine the organization and content of the higher education provided in the territory of the Republic of Mali in accordance with the requirements of national development.

Certificates and diplomas thus awarded may be recognized as the equivalent of the corresponding French certificates and diplomas of higher education, provided that they meet the standards of qualification and procedure required by French legislation and confirmed by the Franco-Malian Mixed Commission envisaged in article IV.

Article III. French assistance shall be specified in multiannual programmes determined by mutual agreement and implemented annually by the Franco-Malian Mixed Commission envisaged in article IV. The practical details shall be specified in conventions annexed hereto.

Article IV. A Franco-Malian Mixed Commission shall accordingly be established to keep under review the application of this Agreement. Its composition and the frequency of its meetings shall be specified in an exchange of letters.

¹ Came into force on 10 April 1970 by signature, in accordance with article V.

Article V. This Agreement and its annexes shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of signature.

DONE at Paris, on 10 April 1970.

For the Government
of the French Republic:

[*Signed*]

Y. BOURGES

For the Government
of the Republic of Mali:

[*Signed*]

Y. BAGAYOKO