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**FRANCE
and
MAURITANIA**

**Treaty on co-operation (with annex). Signed at Paris on 19
June 1961**

Termination of the above-mentioned Treaty

Authentic text of the Treaty: French.

The Treaty and certified statement were registered by France on 9 July 1974.

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**Traité de coopération (avec annexe). Signé à Paris le 19 juin
1961**

Abrogation du Traité susmentionné

Texte authentique du Traité: français.

*Le Traité et la déclaration certifiée ont été enregistrés par la France le 9 juillet
1974.*

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY ON CO-OPERATION¹ BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

The President of the French Republic, on the one hand, and

The Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Head of State, on the other hand,

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 Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Head of State, 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 Nouakchott shall be the doyen of the diplomatic corps. The Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania shall enjoy a privileged position among accredited diplomatic envoys in Paris.

Article 2. Consular posts shall be established in the territory of each State. Their seat and district shall be specified in the annex to this Treaty.

Additional consular posts may be opened subsequently by agreement between the two Governments.

Article 3. 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.

¹ Came into force on 14 November 1961 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Nouakchott, in accordance with article 8.

Article 4. The French Republic, when so requested by the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, 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 Islamic Republic of Mauritania, shall provide representation for the latter in international organizations where it has no representation of its own.

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

Article 5. The Government of the French Republic, when so requested by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, shall provide the necessary technical assistance for the organization and training of the Mauritanian diplomatic and consular corps.

Article 6. 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 7. 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 8. This Treaty shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Nouakchott as soon as possible.

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

DONE at Paris on 19 June 1961.

[Signed]

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[Signed]

M. DEBRÉ

ANNEX CONCERNING CONSULAR POSTS

In pursuance of article 2 of this Treaty:

1. French consular posts shall be established at:
 - Nouakchott
 - Port-Etienne
 - Fort-Gouraud (consular agency)
2. Mauritanian consular posts shall be established at:
 - Paris
 - Marseille
 - Rouen

TERMINATION OF THE TREATY ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH
REPUBLIC AND THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA OF 19 JUNE
1961¹

The above-mentioned Treaty ceased to have effect as of 31 December 1972, as specified in the Exchange of letters constituting an agreement between France and Mauritania relating to the list of Agreements which ceased to have effect as of 31 December 1972 and to the confirmation of other Agreements, dated at Nouakchott on 15 February 1973.²

¹ See p. 7 of this volume.

² See p. 125 of this volume.