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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN FRANCE AND MAURITANIA CONCERNING CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN POLICY

I

*The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania
to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the French Republic*

Nouakchott, 15 February 1973

Sir,

Since the Treaty on co-operation between the French Republic and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania of 19 June 1961² is considered abrogated as from 31 December 1972,³ the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania proposes the following provisions for the approval of the Government of the French Republic, with a view to the maintenance of co-operation in the field of foreign policy between the two countries:

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

2. In addition to the consular posts already existing in each of the two countries, other consular posts may be opened subsequently by mutual agreement between the two Governments.

3. The two States, bearing in mind the bonds of friendship which unite them, agree to consult each other whenever necessary on questions of common interest and to exchange views on current international problems.

4. The Islamic Republic of Mauritania, in States where it does not have its own representation, may request the French Republic to represent the interests of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and to protect its nationals.

I have the honour to request you to inform me whether the French Government agrees to these proposals.

Accept, Sir, etc.

[Signed]

HAMDI OULD MOUKNASS

¹ Came into force on 15 February 1973 by the exchange of the said letters.

² See p. 3 of this volume.

³ See p. 125 of this volume.

II

FRENCH REPUBLIC
SECRETARIAT OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-OPERATION

Nouakchott, 15 February 1973

Sir,

On 15 February you addressed to me the following letter:

[See letter I]

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the French Republic agrees to the proposals set forth in that letter.

Accept, Sir, etc.

PIERRE BILLECOCQ

His Excellency Mr. Hamdi Ould Mouknass
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania
