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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

## GENERAL AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE MALAGASY REPUBLIC

The Government of the French Republic,  
The Government of the Malagasy Republic,

Desiring to strengthen their friendly relations in a spirit of respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of each State, equality of States and non-interference in their internal affairs, in accordance with international law and the obligations which derive therefrom,

Being anxious to establish the foundations and framework for renewed, fruitful and lasting co-operation inspired by the need for solidarity between peoples,

Have agreed on the following provisions:

*Article 1.* Co-operative relations between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Malagasy Republic shall be governed by this General Agreement and by the conventions and arrangements signed this day concerning:

- diplomatic relations;<sup>2</sup>
- military affairs;<sup>3</sup>
- matters relating to State property;<sup>4</sup>
- cultural affairs;<sup>5</sup>
- judicial matters;<sup>6</sup>
- technical assistance;<sup>7</sup>
- postal and telecommunication matters;<sup>8</sup>
- marine fishing.<sup>9</sup>

*Article 2.* All the Agreements on co-operation between the French Republic and the Malagasy Republic signed on 2 April 1960 and on 27 June 1960<sup>10</sup> shall be abrogated.

As regards agreements signed since those dates, the Parties shall, within two months of the date of signature of this General Agreement, determine by an exchange of letters those which, because of their technical nature, shall remain in force.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 19 March 1975, the date of the last of the notifications (effected on 23 June 1973 and 19 March 1975) by which the Parties informed each other of the completion of their required constitutional procedures, in accordance with article 6.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 313 of this volume.

<sup>3</sup> See p. 347 of this volume.

<sup>4</sup> See p. 365 of this volume.

<sup>5</sup> See p. 291 of this volume.

<sup>6</sup> See p. 319 of this volume.

<sup>7</sup> See p. 267 of this volume.

<sup>8</sup> See p. 361 of this volume.

<sup>9</sup> See p. 307 of this volume.

<sup>10</sup> See "Special Agreement on the participation of the Malagasy Republic in the Community", in United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 820, p. 241; "Agreement on co-operation in monetary, economic and financial matters", *ibid.*, p. 247; "Agreement on co-operation in the field of higher education", *ibid.*, p. 273; "Agreement on co-operation in the field of foreign policy", *ibid.*, p. 291; "Agreement on co-operation in judicial matters", *ibid.*, p. 299; "Agreement on co-operation in postal and telecommunications matters", *ibid.*, p. 335; "Agreement for co-operation in civil aviation", *ibid.*, p. 343; "Agreement on co-operation in matters concerning the merchant marine", *ibid.*, p. 349; "Agreement on co-operation with respect to raw materials and strategic materials", *ibid.*, p. 357; and "Convention on establishment", *ibid.*, p. 363.

*Article 3.* Relations between the two Contracting Parties with respect to social security shall continue for the time being to be governed by the Convention of 8 May 1967;<sup>1</sup> a new convention on the subject shall be concluded within one year of the date of signature of this Agreement.

*Article 4.* The foregoing shall also apply with respect to radio and television, being the subject of the Convention of 16 October 1961 and 22 May 1968, which shall continue to apply pending the conclusion within the same period of new agreements.

*Article 5.* A body composed of an equal number of representatives of each Party shall be established at the ministerial level to deal with problems relating to the application of this General Agreement and of the conventions and arrangements referred to in article 1.

It shall meet once a year, and in special session at the request of either Contracting Party.

*Article 6.* Each Contracting Party shall notify the other that the procedures required by its Constitution for the entry into force of this General Agreement and of the conventions and arrangements referred to in article 1 have been completed. They shall enter into force with effect from the date of the second such notification.

*Article 7.* All or part of this General Agreement and of the conventions and arrangements referred to in article 1 may, at the request of either Party, be the subject of negotiations with a view to revision.

If the other Party fails to reply within 45 days, or if the Parties fail to reach agreement within six months of the date on which the negotiations begin, the provisions in respect of which revision has been requested shall be deemed to be abrogated.

*Article 8.* All or part of the said General Agreement, conventions and arrangements may be denounced by either Party.

Denunciation shall take effect six months after notice thereof is given to the other Party.

DONE at Paris, on 4 June 1973.

For the Government of the French Republic:

[Signed]

JEAN-FRANÇOIS DENIAU

Secretary of State

to the Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Government of the Malagasy Republic:

[Signed]

DIDIER RATSIRAKA

Commander (Navy)

Minister for Foreign Affairs

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<sup>1</sup> See "Convention on social security", in United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 760, p. 249.