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**FRANCE
and
BRAZIL**

**Agreement establishing a Grand Commission. Signed at
Paris on 24 October 1975**

*Authentic texts: French and Portuguese.
Registered by France on 9 April 1976.*

**FRANCE
et
BRÉSIL**

**Accord portant constitution d'une Grande Commission.
Signé à Paris le 24 octobre 1975**

*Textes authentiques : français et portugais.
Enregistré par la France le 9 avril 1976.*

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FRENCH
REPUBLIC AND THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL ES-
TABLISHING A GRAND COMMISSION

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil

Have agreed to establish a “Grand Commission” with general competence, having the functions and procedures described herein.

Article 1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The purpose of the “Grand Commission” is to ensure co-operation on a continuing basis between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

It shall serve as a forum for considering Franco-Brazilian relations in the political and economic spheres and in the areas of cultural, scientific and technical co-operation. It shall formulate and submit to the two Governments such recommendations as it deems appropriate.

It shall draw up guidelines for the specialized commissions referred to in article 3 below.

It shall review and appraise bilateral co-operation activities in all fields.

Article 2

The “Grand Commission” shall be chaired by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs; other Ministers and senior officials of the two countries may participate in its work, depending on the matters to be discussed. The secretariat on the Brazilian side shall be provided by the European Department, and, on the French side, by the Political Department.

Article 3. PROCEDURES

The “Grand Commission” shall meet once a year, alternately in Brasilia and Paris.

The two Governments shall agree on the date and the agenda of the meeting through the normal diplomatic channel.

A joint communiqué shall be issued at the close of each meeting on the “Grand Commission”.

Under the auspices of the “Grand Commission”, the existing specialized Commissions or such specialized commissions as may be established shall meet as often as necessary and shall report to the “Grand Commission” on the results of their work.

Political consultations shall be organized at least once each year by the general secretaries or chiefs of the respective political departments of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs. These consultations shall take place at the same time as the meeting of the “Grand Commission”, when the latter is in session.

¹ Came into force on 24 October 1975 by signature, in accordance with article 4.

Article 4. VALIDITY

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature, the French and Portuguese texts being equally authentic. The Agreement may be denounced on six months' notice.

DONE in Paris, 24 October 1975.

For the Government
of the French Republic:

[*Signed*]

JEAN SAUVAGNARGUES

Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Government
of the Federative Republic
of Brazil:

[*Signed*]

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