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# FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY and MAURITANIA

# Agreement concerning financial co-operation. Signed at Nouakchott on 4 October 1976

Authentic texts: German and French.

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## RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE et MAURITANIE

Accord de coopération financière. Signé à Nouakchott le 4 octobre 1976

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#### [Translation — Traduction]

AGREEMENT' BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA CONCERNING FINANCIAL CO-OPERATION

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania,

Considering the friendly relations existing between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania,

Desiring to strengthen and intensify these friendly relations by fruitful cooperation in the field of development assistance,

Being aware that the maintenance of these relations is the basis for the present Agreement,

Purposing to contribute to economic and social development in Mauritania, Have agreed as follows:

- Article 1. (1) The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany shall enable the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania or other borrowers, to be selected jointly by the two Governments, to obtain loans not exceeding a total of 12 million (twelve million) Deutsche Mark from the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (Reconstruction Loan Corporation), Frankfurt/Main, for the projects "Rural development in the Tagant region" and "Nouakchott dairy", provided that, after being studied, these projects are found to merit support.
- (2) The projects referred to in paragraph 1 may, by agreement between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, be replaced by other projects.
- Article 2. (1) The utilization of these loans, and the conditions on which they are granted, shall be governed by the contracts to be concluded between the borrowers and the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau; the said contracts shall be subject to the legal provisions applicable in the Federal Republic of Germany.
- (2) The Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, in so far as it is not itself the borrower, shall guarantee to the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau all payments in Deutsche Mark in fulfilment of the borrowers' liabilities under the contracts to be concluded in accordance with paragraph 1.
- Article 3. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania shall exempt the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau from all taxes and other public charges levied in Mauritania at the time of the conclusion or execution of the contracts referred to in article 2.
- Article 4. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania shall allow passengers and suppliers a free choice of transport enterprises for such transportation of passengers and goods by sea and by air as results from the granting of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Came into force on 4 October 1976 by signature, in accordance with article 8.

loans; it shall refrain from taking any measures that might exclude or impede the participation, on an equal footing, of transport enterprises which have their head-quarters within the German area of application of this Agreement and shall grant any permits that may be necessary for the participation of such transport enterprises.

- Article 5. Contracts for deliveries and performances relating to projects financed by the loans shall be awarded by international public tender, unless otherwise stipulated in individual cases.
- Article 6. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany is particularly desirous that, for deliveries resulting from the granting of the loans, preference should be given to the products of the industry of Land Berlin.
- Article 7. With the exception of those provisions of article 4 which relate to air traffic, this Agreement shall also apply to Land Berlin, provided that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has not made a contrary declaration to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania within three months from the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
- Article 8. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

  Done at Nouakchott on 4 October 1976, in duplicate in the German and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany: v. Magnus

For the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania:

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