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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ ON CO-OPERATION IN ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF DAHOMEY

The Government of the French Republic, on the one hand,
The Government of the Republic of Dahomey, on the other hand,
Have agreed as follows:

Article I. The Government of the Republic of Dahomey and the Government of the French Republic agree to develop their co-operation in economic and financial matters according to the arrangements set out in this Agreement on the basis of respect for national sovereignty, equality and their mutual interest.

Article II. At the request of the Government of the Republic of Dahomey, the Government of the French Republic shall continue to provide it with the material and technical assistance it requires to attain the economic and social objectives which it has set for itself.

Article III. Aid from the French Republic shall consist, *inter alia*, of assistance in the carrying out of studies and research, the supply of equipment, the secondment of experts and technicians, the granting of financial support and the training of professional staff by the appropriate bodies, in particular the Fonds d'aide et de coopération and the Caisse centrale de coopération économique.

The Republic of Dahomey or its public corporations shall have access to the French capital market within the framework of the laws and regulations in force on that subject.

The arrangements for the French aid shall be so designed as to permit, *inter alia*, the implementation of single or multiple operations included in the programmes adopted by the Republic of Dahomey; they shall be defined in individual agreements.

This assistance from the French Republic may be combined with that received by the Republic of Dahomey from other States or international bodies.

Article IV. Trade between the Republic of Dahomey and the French Republic shall be carried out in accordance with the system prescribed in that respect by the association linking the Republic of Dahomey to the European Economic Community.

Article V. Relations between the French Treasury and the Dahomean Treasury shall continue to be governed by a special agreement.

¹ Came into force on 1 January 1978, i.e., the first day of the second month following the exchange of instruments of approval, which took place in Paris on 18 November 1977, in accordance with article VI.

Article VI. This Agreement replaces and abrogates the Agreement on co-operation in economic, monetary, and financial matters of 24 April 1961.¹ It is concluded for a period of two years renewable by tacit agreement. Notice of termination shall be given through the diplomatic channel at least six months in advance.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the exchange of instruments of approval, which shall take place at Paris as soon as possible.

DONE at Cotonou on 27 February 1975.

For the Government of the French Republic:

[Signed]

PIERRE ABELIN
Minister for Co-operation

For the Government of the Republic of Dahomey:

[Signed]

MICHEL ALLADAYE
Minister for Foreign Affairs
and Co-operation

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 811, p. 127.