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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE
REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI, THE RWANDESE REPUBLIC AND
THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE

The President of the Republic of Burundi, the President of the Rwandese Republic and the President of the Republic of Zaire,

Desiring to strengthen the bonds of peace and friendship which have traditionally united the peoples of the three countries,

Desiring to foster still closer and more effective links and co-operation between the three peoples,

Guided by a common desire to initiate genuine and productive co-operation in every sphere on the basis of equal rights and mutual advantage,

Inspired by a common desire to strengthen and consolidate the mutual understanding and bonds of fraternity and solidarity existing between their peoples,

Have decided to conclude a Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation and have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Republic of Burundi, the Rwandese Republic and the Republic of Zaire are united by their common past and shall remain united in their common evolution by bonds of undying friendship and close co-operation in every sphere.

Article 2. The High Contracting Parties undertake to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the respective States; to that end, they have decided to make every effort to promote full security on their common borders.

Article 3. The High Contracting Parties shall continue to promote ever more tangible and effective mutual co-operation in every sphere.

They shall pool their efforts for the joint promotion of projects of common interest, to their mutual advantage.

Article 4. The High Contracting Parties shall ensure that both public and private political, economic, technical, social, cultural and scientific institutions in their respective countries co-operate with one another as effectively as possible, on the basis of realism and the common interest of the three countries.

They shall, moreover, promote co-operation and friendly relations between their respective nationals at every opportunity.

¹ Came into force on 17 April 1978, the date by which the constitutional procedures of the three countries had been completed, in accordance with article 7, and the required instruments of ratification deposited with the Government of Rwanda. Definitive signature was affixed and instruments of ratification deposited as follows:

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of definitive signature (s) or of deposit of the instrument of ratification</i>
Rwanda	20 September 1976 s
Burundi	7 January 1977
Zaire	17 April 1978

Article 5. The High Contracting Parties shall organize regular consultations and meetings among themselves to consider any question deemed important by the three Parties and to ensure the rapid development of projects of common interest while fostering stable, friendly relations between the three countries.

Article 6. The High Contracting Parties undertake to settle, through peaceful means and in a spirit of fraternity, any dispute of any kind whatsoever which may arise between them.

Article 7. This Treaty, which is concluded for an indefinite period, shall enter into force in accordance with the constitutional provisions of the three countries.

DONE at Gisenyi on 20 September 1976, in triplicate, in the French language.

For the Republic of Burundi:

[Signed]

MICHEL MICOMBERO
Lieutenant-General

For the Rwandese Republic:

[Signed]

HABYARIMANA JUVENAL
Major-General

For the Republic of Zaire:

[Signed]

MOBUTU SESE SEKO KUKU NGBENDU WA ZA BANGA
Army General
