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[TRANSLATION—TRADUCTION]

CONVENTION<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF  
THE CONGO AND THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM RE-  
LATING TO THE PROMOTION OF TRADE

The Democratic Republic of the Congo, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Belgium, of the other part,

Desiring to strengthen the bonds of friendship and the co-operation which exists between the two countries, to promote the development of reciprocal trade and to place their economic relations on a sound and lasting basis,

Have agreed on the following provisions:

*Article 1.* The Contracting Parties undertake, subject to the provisions in force in their respective countries and to the respect for the international agreements entered into by each of them, to promote reciprocal trade by all appropriate means.

*Article 2.* Each Contracting Party undertakes to accord the greatest attention to proposals made by the other Contracting Party for the conduct and expansion of reciprocal trade.

*Article 3.* A Mixed Commission composed of representatives of the governments of the Contracting Parties shall meet at the request of either Contracting Party. It shall be empowered to recommend to the Contracting Parties any necessary measures for the improvement of reciprocal trade. It may also have occasion to examine any difficulties arising out of the application of this Convention.

*Article 4.* This Convention shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Brussels as soon as possible.

*Article 5.* This Convention shall enter into force one month after the exchange of instruments of ratification.

It is concluded for an indefinite term. However, either Contracting Party may terminate it by giving one year's notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Convention.

DONE at Kinshasa on 24 February 1969, in duplicate, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Democratic Republic  
of the Congo:

[Signed]

J. M. BOMBOKO

Minister

for Foreign Affairs  
and External Trade

For the Kingdom of Belgium:

[Signed]

HENRI FAYAT

Minister

of External Trade

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 13 February 1978, i.e., one month after the date of exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Brussels on 13 January 1978, in accordance with article 5.