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Signed at Paris on 18 April 1978**

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AGREEMENT¹ CONCERNING ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the Government of the Republic of France,

Desirous of strengthening the links of friendship existing between the two countries;

Mindful that these links provide opportunities beneficial to both countries for the transfer of science and technology and for economic and technical cooperation;

Recognizing their common interest to promote and encourage cooperation in these fields for their mutual benefit;

Agree to the following:

1. The two parties agree to explore possibilities for cooperation in the transfer of science and technology and for cooperation in economic, industrial and technical fields, and they declare their willingness to facilitate, by mutual consent, the planning and implementation of projects which lie within the scope of this agreement.

2. The two parties consider that fruitful cooperation can be developed in the following sectors:

- Shipbuilding;
- Port development;
- Design, construction, equipment and maintenance of hospitals and other welfare establishments;
- Alternative sources of energy including nuclear energy;
- Petrochemical industry;
- Offshore industry;
- Manufacturing industry and cement factories;
- Electronics.

Specific projects in the aforementioned sectors will be the subject of separate agreements which will define the terms and conditions of such cooperation, as well as the obligations of each contracting party.

The specialised Services of the French Ministry of Health and Family shall provide the technical assistance required for the overall appraisal and assessment of the hospital projects to be implemented.

3. The two parties will pay particular attention to the implementation of all projects and will make every effort, as far as possible, to find appropriate solutions for problems and difficulties which may delay the completion of contracts signed by the firms or organisations concerned.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago will endeavour, within the scope of its legislation, to facilitate the task of the French contracting firms or organisations in order that the projects may be satisfactorily completed, particularly in the area of personnel and equipment as specified in each contract.

¹ Came into force on 18 April 1978 by signature, in accordance with article 5.

The Government of France will endeavour, within the scope of its legislation, to facilitate the task of French contracting firms or organisations, in order that the projects may be satisfactorily completed.

4. The two parties agree to consider any additional arrangements which circumstances may require for the implementation of this agreement.

5. This agreement shall take effect on the date of signature and shall remain in force for a period of three years. It shall be renewed by tacit consent for further periods of three years unless terminated by either party after giving six months' notice before the expiration of the initial period or of each further period of renewal.

DONE at Paris, on the 18th of April 1978, in two copies, in English and French, both texts being equally authentic.

On behalf of the Government
of the Republic of France:

[Signed]

LOUIS DE GUIRINGAUD

On behalf of the Government
of the Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago:

[Signed]

JOHN STANLEY DONALDSON
