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and
MAURITIUS**

**Agreement on the validity of French higher education
qualifications in Mauritius. Signed at Port Louis on
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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS ON THE VALIDITY OF FRENCH HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS IN MAURITIUS

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of Mauritius, Referring to the Agreement for Cultural and Technical Co-operation between the two countries signed on 22 June 1970,² and in particular to article V thereof,

Desiring to provide a practical outlet for the training received by Mauritian pupils and students in French educational institutions,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Mauritian Government shall recognize the automatic validity in Mauritius of the following French qualifications:

(a) The French *Baccalauréat* (provided that English was chosen as the first modern language). This qualification shall confer on the holder the same rights as the following qualifications:

- The “General Certificate of Education” awarded in at least three subjects at the “Ordinary Level” and two different subjects at the “Advanced Level”;
- The “Higher School Certificate” awarded in at least three subjects at the Subsidiary Level” and two subjects at the “Principal Level”.

(b) The *Diplôme d'enseignement universitaire général* (DEUG) awarded by a French university. This diploma shall confer on the holder the same rights as the “Teachers Diploma” awarded by the Mauritius Institute of Education (provided that the holder has obtained a certificate of education accepted by the Minister of Education).

(c) The *Licence* awarded by a French university in a scientific, arts, legal or economic subject. This qualification shall confer on the holder the same rights as the degree of “Bachelor of Arts”, “Bachelor of Science”, “Bachelor of Laws” or “Bachelor of Science (Economics) or any other equivalent qualification awarded in Great Britain.

(d) The *Maîtrise* awarded by a French university in a scientific, arts, legal or economic subject. This qualification shall confer on the holder the same rights as the degree of Master of Arts, Master of Science or Master of Laws, or any other equivalent qualification awarded in Great Britain.

(e) The *Certificat d'aptitude aux fonctions de bibliothécaire* awarded in France. This qualification shall give the holder access to the post of librarian on the same basis as the “Associateship of the Library Association” awarded in Great Britain.

¹ Came into force on 8 June 1978 by signature, in accordance with article 5.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 930, p. 3.

(f) Any post-graduate diploma or certificate obtained after one year's full-time or the equivalent part-time study, which shall confer on the holder the same rights as a post-Bachelor of Arts or post-Bachelor of Science diploma or certificate obtained after full-time or the equivalent part-time study in Great Britain.

Article 2. The entitlement conferred on the holders of the French qualifications listed in the preceding article to the same rights as are accorded to the holders of corresponding qualifications include, *inter alia*, entitlement to apply for the same posts in Mauritius.

Article 3. The Mauritian Government shall grant the right to practise their profession in Mauritius to holders of the following French diplomas, provided that they register as such and comply with Mauritian legislation:

- (a) A diploma in engineering recognized by the French State from a French school;
- (b) A diploma in architecture recognized by the French State;
- (c) The *diplôme d'Etat* of doctor of medicine or a diploma of doctor of medicine;
- (d) The *diplôme d'Etat* of doctor of medicine or a diploma of doctor of medicine, together with a specialization;
- (e) The *diplôme d'Etat* of pharmacist or a diploma of pharmacist;
- (f) The *diplôme d'Etat* in dentistry or a diploma in dentistry, awarded by a French university, qualifying the holder to practise dentistry.

Article 4. The Mauritian Government shall grant holders of the *licence en droit* (up until 1977) and of the *maîtrise en droit* (after 1978) awarded by a French university the right to practise as lawyers in Mauritius, provided that they register as such and comply with Mauritian legislation.

Article 5. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature.

DONE at Port Louis on 8 June 1978.

For the Government of the French Republic:

[Signed]

M. MERLLIÉ

Ambassador of France at Port Louis

For the Government of Mauritius:

[Signed]

Sir HAROLD WALTER
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