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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ OF CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE MATTERS
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF THE COMOROS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

The Government of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros, on the one hand,

The Government of the French Republic, on the other hand,

Considering the ties of friendship between the two countries,

Aware of their responsibilities for the maintenance of peace in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering that, although the defence, both internal and external, of the Comoros is the responsibility of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros alone, the latter may call upon the French Republic for help in its external defence,

Desiring to determine the modalities of their co-operation in defence matters, on the basis of equality and mutual respect and interest,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros shall extend to each other aid and assistance in the case of external aggression, in exercise of the right of self-defence set forth in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

General defence matters shall be dealt with at the level of the Heads of State and Government of the two countries.

The two Contracting Parties shall consult each other as necessary on the modalities of this co-operation.

Article II. The Government of the French Republic, within the limit of its possibilities, shall provide the Government of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros with technical assistance for the training, organization and equipment of Comorian forces and for the training of Comorian military personnel in French schools and military educational establishments.

The conditions governing the technical military assistance thus provided and the admission of Comorian trainees into France shall be subject to specific agreements to be concluded by the two Governments, on the understanding that French military personnel seconded to the Comorian Government shall not take part in combat operations or operations aimed at maintaining or restoring public order or the rule of law.

Article III. The Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros, in the light of its friendly relations with the French Republic and in exchange for the assistance extended to it by the latter, undertakes in return to provide the French Republic

¹ Came into force on 2 February 1983 the date of the last of the notifications (effected on 24 July 1981 and 2 February 1983) by which the Contracting Parties informed each other of the completion of the required constitutional procedures, in accordance with article IV.

with the facilities that prove necessary, in particular with regard to overflights, transits and stopovers.

The number and nature of these facilities shall be defined by specific agreements.

Article IV. Each of the two Contracting Parties shall notify the other of the completion of the required constitutional procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement which shall take effect on the date of the last such notification.

It may be denounced at any time by either of the Contracting Parties with an advance notice of one year.

Each Contracting Party may at any time request the amendment of one or more provisions of this Agreement and the initiation of negotiations for that purpose.

DONE at Paris on 10 November 1978 (in two original copies).

For the Government
of the French Republic:

[Signed]

ROBERT GALLEY
Minister of Co-operation

For the Government
of the Islamic Federal Republic
of the Comoros:

[Signed]

ALI MROUDJAE
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Co-operation and Foreign Trade