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[TRANSLATION—TRADUCTION]

DIPLOMATIC CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TOGOLESE
REPUBLIC

The Government of the French Republic, on the one hand, and
The Government of the Togolese Republic, on the other,

Desiring to lay down the principles on the basis of which the two States propose to give expression, in circumstances of complete equality and of respect for each other's independence, to the durable ties of friendship which unite their two peoples;

Recognizing that their foreign policies are based on the ideals and principles of freedom, democracy and humanism embodied in the Charter of the United Nations;

Wishing to determine and specify the procedures for their sincere co-operation and thereby to strengthen their solidarity,

Have decided to conclude this Convention.

Article I. Each Contracting Party shall accredit an Ambassador to the other Contracting Party.

The Ambassador of each Contracting Party shall enjoy a privileged position among accredited diplomatic envoys in the other country.

Article II. The two States decide, with due respect for their mutual independence, to hold regular exchanges of views on foreign policy matters.

Article III. The French Republic, when so requested by the Togolese Republic, shall provide representation for the latter to States and organizations where it does not have representation of its own.

In such cases, French diplomatic and consular agents and French representatives shall act in accordance with the guidance and instructions of the Government of the Togolese Republic, which shall be conveyed to them through the Government of the French Republic.

In exceptional circumstances, however, communications which clearly require urgent administrative attention may be exchanged directly between the Togolese Government and French diplomatic and consular agents.

Article IV. No provision of this Convention shall be construed as in any way limiting the right of either of the two Contracting Parties to negotiate and conclude treaties, conventions or other international instruments.

Article V. Consulates may, by agreement, be established by either Contracting Party in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article VI. The Contracting Parties agree that any dispute regarding the application or interpretation of this Convention which they are unable to resolve by direct negotiations shall be settled in accordance with procedures prescribed by international law.

¹ Came into force on 1 September 1981, i.e., the first day of the second month following the exchange of the notifications (effected at Paris on 22 June and 30 July 1981) confirming the completion of the required procedures, in accordance with article VII.

Article VII. This Convention supersedes and rescinds the Diplomatic Convention of 10 July 1963.¹

It shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the exchange of instruments confirming the completion of the required procedures in each of the two States.

This exchange shall take place at Paris as soon as possible.

This Convention shall remain in force until the expiry of one year from the date on which either Contracting Party shall have expressed the desire to terminate it.

DONE at Lomé on 23 March 1976, in two originals.

For the Government
of the French Republic:
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For the Government
of the Togolese Republic:
[AYI HOUENOU HUNLEDE]

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 722, p. 29.