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FRANCE and TOGO

Agreement on the establishment of a grand joint commission. Signed at Lomé on 23 March 1976

Authentic text: French.

Registered by France on 12 April 1983.

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Accord portant création d'une grande commission mixte. Signé à Lomé le 23 mars 1976

Texte authentique : français.

Enregistré par la France le 12 avril 1983.

[TRANSLATION—TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRAND JOINT COM-MISSION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUB-LIC 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 maintain and increase the traditional links of friendship which unite the Togolese and French peoples,

Wishing to consolidate and strengthen the co-operation between their two countries in all areas.

Have decided to conclude this Agreement.

Article 1. The Contracting Parties decide to establish a Joint Commission on Franco-Togolese co-operation at the ministerial level designated "Grand Commission".

Article II. The Grand Commission shall ensure the implementation of the cooperation agreements between the two countries and shall seek ways and means to enhance and strengthen this co-operation.

It is also competent to consider any difficulties which may arise from the interpretation or implementation of these agreements.

Article III. It shall examine the reports and recommendations submitted to it by the various joint commissions established in the co-operation agreements between the French Republic and the Togolese Republic.

It may consider any question of co-operation not covered in the said agreements.

Article IV. It shall meet once a year, alternately in Togo and France, and in special session at the request of either Contracting Party.

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

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

This Agreement shall remain in force until the expiry of one year from the day on which one of the Contracting Parties shall have declared the wish to terminate its effects.

DONE at Lomé on 23 March 1976, in two original copies.

For the Government of the French Republic:

[Signed]

JEAN DE LIPKOWSKI
Minister for Co-operation

For the Government of the Togolese Republic:
[Signed]
Ayı Houenou Hunlede Minister for Foreign Affairs

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 V.