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**FRANCE  
and  
CONGO**

**Treaty of co-operation (with exchange of letters). Signed at  
Brazzaville on 1 January 1974**

*Authentic text: French.*

*Registered by France on 12 April 1983.*

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**Traité de coopération (avec échange de lettres). Signé à  
Brazzaville le 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 1974**

*Texte authentique : français.*

*Enregistré par la France le 12 avril 1983.*

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

## TREATY<sup>1</sup> OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The President of the French Republic and  
The President of the People's Republic of the Congo,

Wishing to preserve the bonds of friendship uniting the two peoples,

Convinced that sound co-operation must be based on respect for the principles of sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs, equality of rights and mutual advantage,

Aware of the importance of the development of co-operation and trade between peoples,

Have resolved to conclude this Treaty and for that purpose have appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

The President of the French Republic: Mr. Jean-François Deniau, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

The President of the People's Republic of the Congo: Mr. David-Charles Ganao, Minister for Foreign Affairs,

who, having communicated to each other their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The High Contracting Parties shall, bearing in mind the extensive relations that exist between their two countries, develop and strengthen sincere co-operation in the economic, cultural and other fields.

Such co-operation shall, where necessary, be the subject of special agreements.

*Article 2.* With due regard for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the other Party, each High Contracting Party shall undertake to settle its disputes with the other Party by peaceful means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

*Article 3.* The High Contracting Parties agree to establish a main permanent commission composed of high-level representatives responsible for regularly monitoring the proper implementation of the conventions and agreements and ensuring the development and stability of trade and co-operation between the two States.

The commission may establish sub-commissions or specialized committees.

*Article 4.* This Treaty shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Paris as soon as possible.

The commission provided for under article 3 may be disbanded on six months' notice transmitted through the diplomatic channel.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 30 September 1981, the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Paris, in accordance with article 4.

DONE at Brazzaville on 1 January 1974, in duplicate in the French language.

For the President  
of the French Republic:

[JEAN-FRANÇOIS DENIAU]

For the President  
of the People's Republic of the Congo:

[DAVID-CHARLES GANAO]

## EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

### I

Sir,

In connection with the signature of the Treaty of co-operation between France and the Congo, I have the honour to confirm that consular relations are governed by the provisions of the Vienna Convention of 24 April 1963,<sup>1</sup> the principles of which are in accordance with customary international law on the subject.

With regard to the establishment of consular offices, the rights reciprocally recognized by each Party remain unchanged.

In this connection, France has established a Consulate General in Brazzaville and a Consulate General in Pointe Noire, and the Congo may, when it so wishes and in conditions to be determined by mutual agreement, establish consular offices in Bordeaux, Lille, Marseilles, Paris and Strasbourg.

This letter together with your reply shall constitute an agreement between the French and Congolese Governments in this matter.

Accept, Sir, etc.

[Signed]

JEAN-FRANÇOIS DENIAU

His Excellency Mr. David-Charles Ganao  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the People's Republic of the Congo

### II

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1 January 1974, which reads as follows:

[See letter I]

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 596, p. 261.

I am in a position to inform you that the Congolese Government agrees with the terms of that letter.

Accept, Sir, etc.

[DAVID-CHARLES GANAQ]

His Excellency Mr. Jean François Deniau  
Secretary of State  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the French Republic

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