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**Agreement on scientific and technical co-operation. Signed  
at Brazzaville on 1 January 1974**

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## [TRANSLATION—TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The Government of the French Republic, on the one hand, and  
The Government of the People's Republic of the Congo, on the other hand,  
Aware of the role that scientific and technical co-operation must play in the advancement and spread of knowledge, leading to understanding and peace between peoples,  
Have agreed as follows:

## TITLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

*Article I.* Scientific and technical co-operation between the People's Republic of the Congo and the French Republic shall cover all sciences linked to the economic, social and cultural development of the People's Republic of the Congo.

*Article II.* Such co-operation shall be effected through the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research (CNRST) of the People's Republic of the Congo.

This Council may enter into contractual relations with French institutions, establishments and organizations engaged in research or involved in scientific and technical matters.

## TITLE II. RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

*Article III.* To the best of its ability, the Government of the French Republic shall provide to the Government of the People's Republic of the Congo the assistance necessary for the execution of programmes of basic or applied research of general or restricted scope.

French participation in such programmes, which generally cover several years, shall be established by supplementary agreements.

Practical arrangements for the implementation of the programmes selected by the two Parties shall be the subject of specific contractual agreements between the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research and the French institutions concerned.

In addition to investments relating to research programmes and financed within the framework of such programmes, equipment intended to enhance the research potential of the People's Republic of the Congo may be financed by the French Republic in accordance with standard procedures for development assistance.

*Article IV.* Specifically French programmes shall be the subject of specific conventions on scientific and technical co-operation, which shall define the objective of the programmes, the conditions for their implementation and the arrangements for reporting results to the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research of the People's Republic of the Congo.

They shall be entirely financed by the French Republic.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 November 1981, i.e., the first day of the second month following the exchange of the instruments of approval, which took place at Paris on 30 September 1981, in accordance with article IX.

*Article V.* Programmes formulated by the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research of the People's Republic of the Congo but not selected by agreement between the Parties may be entrusted for implementation, on a contractual basis, to specialized French institutions.

TITLE III. TRAINING AND ADVANCED TRAINING OF CONGOLESE RESEARCH WORKERS

*Article VI.* The French Party undertakes to:

- Enhance the training and advanced training of Congolese research workers by placing them for this purpose in the appropriate structures under arrangements to be agreed upon by the Parties, with a view to the setting up of joint and national research teams,
- Promote the participation of Congolese research workers in the implementation of research programmes and the training of the teams mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

*Article VII.* The training and advanced training of Congolese research personnel may be ensured by the Government of the French Republic through the granting of scholarships.

TITLE IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

*Article VIII.* The definition of future trends, the determination of programmes and the establishment of practical arrangements for scientific co-operation with France shall be entrusted to a Mixed Commission in which both Parties are equally represented.

The membership of this Commission, as well as the schedule of meetings, shall be determined by agreement between the Parties.

*Article IX.* This Agreement, which supersedes and annuls the Agreement of 8 August 1960, is concluded for a period of two years, which may be renewed by tacit agreement unless denounced by one of the Contracting Parties. Notice of denunciation shall be given through the diplomatic channel at least three months in advance.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the exchange of the instruments of approval, which shall take place at Paris as soon as possible.

Each of the Contracting Parties may at any time request the amendment of one or more provisions of this Agreement and the opening of negotiations to that end.

DONE at Brazzaville on 1 January 1974, in two original copies, in the French language.

For the Government  
of the French Republic:

[Signed]

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Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Government  
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of the Congo:

[Signed]

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Minister for Foreign Affairs