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**FRANCE
and
GABON**

Agreement on the establishment of a Grand Joint Commission on Franco-Gabonese co-operation. Signed at Paris on 2 October 1980

Authentic text: French.

Registered by France on 27 June 1983.

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Accord portant création d'une Grande Commission mixte de coopération franco-gabonaise. Signé à Paris le 2 octobre 1980

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Enregistré par la France le 27 juin 1983.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRAND JOINT COMMISSION ON FRANCO-GABONESE CO-OPERATION

The President of the French Republic and
The President of the Gabonese Republic,
Hereinafter referred to as “the High Contracting Parties”,
In a common desire to consolidate and strengthen their co-operation in all areas,
Have decided to conclude this Agreement.

The President of the French Republic has appointed as his plenipotentiary for this purpose
Mr. Robert Galley, Minister for Co-operation.

The President of the Gabonese Republic has appointed as his plenipotentiary for this
purpose Mr. Martin Bongo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation.

Article I. The High Contracting Parties establish by this Agreement a Grand Joint
Commission on Franco-Gabonese co-operation, hereinafter referred to as “the Grand
Joint Commission”.

Article II. The Grand Joint Commission shall be composed of representatives of
the two Governments. Each delegation shall be led in principle by the Minister for Foreign
Affairs and/or Co-operation. Plenary meetings shall be presided over by the head of the
delegation of the country acting as host for the meeting.

Article III. The purpose of the Grand Joint Commission is to seek ways and means
of strengthening the co-operation between the two States, especially in the economic,
technical, scientific, and cultural fields and in tourism.

It is also competent to seek solutions to problems arising from the interpretation or
implementation of the provisions of the agreements concluded between the High Con-
tracting Parties.

Article IV. Within the Grand Joint Commission there shall be established:

- A commission on social affairs;
- A commission on economic, financial and trade affairs;
- A commission on agriculture, waters and forests and rural development;
- A commission on industry, mines and energy;
- A commission on public works, transport and communications;
- A commission on cultural, scientific and technical affairs and training.

The Grand Joint Commission is however authorized to establish other commissions
as necessary. It may also set up sub-commissions and *ad hoc* committees for the detailed
study of specific questions.

Article V. The Grand Joint Commission shall meet as necessary on a date set by
common agreement between the two Parties on the proposal of one of them, alternately
in France and Gabon.

¹ Came into force on 17 December 1982 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Libreville, in accordance with article VII.

Article VI. The conclusions of the commissions and *ad hoc* committees referred to in article IV shall be submitted to the Grand Joint Commission for approval.

Article VII. This Agreement is concluded for a period of five years renewable by tacit agreement; it shall enter into force on the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

Article VIII. Either High Contracting Party may denounce this Agreement at any time. Such denunciation shall take effect six months after the other Party has been notified in writing through the diplomatic channel.

Either High Contracting Party may request the amendment or total revision of this Agreement.

The clauses amended or revised by common agreement shall enter into force on their approval by the High Contracting Parties.

DONE at Paris on 2 October 1980, in two original copies in the French language.

For the French Republic:

[Signed]

ROBERT GALLEY
Minister for Co-operation

For the Republic of Gabon:

[Signed]

MARTIN BONGO
Minister for Foreign Affairs
and Co-operation