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and the developing countries. Signed at Vienna on
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**Accord concernant le service de l'ONUDI à Paris pour le
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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION CONCERNING THE UNIDO SERVICE IN PARIS FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Government of the French Republic, hereinafter referred to as the French Government, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, hereinafter referred to as UNIDO;

Aware of the need to promote and facilitate contacts between the relevant French enterprises and agencies on one hand and interested parties in the developing countries on the other;

Convinced of the advantages of strengthening industrial co-operation between France and the third world in the framework of UNIDO's operational activities, have agreed as follows:

Article I. The UNIDO Service in Paris (hereinafter referred to as "the Service") established by mutual agreement on 28 June 1980² shall conduct its activities in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Article II. The mandate of the Service shall be to:

- Inform French enterprises of projects in either the design or execution phase in developing countries which might lead to co-operation and/or industrial investment;
- Provide Government agencies, business associations and enterprises in developing countries with information on available techniques and opportunities for co-operation with French enterprises and financial institutions;
- Help interested parties in developing countries find French partners for the implementation of joint projects, organize contacts and monitor the progress of negotiations;
- Organize visits to France by delegations from developing countries wishing to establish direct contact with the French business communities concerned and missions of French industrialists to developing countries.

Article III. 1. The Service shall also be responsible for setting up a programme to host and provide orientation and training to nationals of developing countries that want to have qualified staff familiar with French techniques (technology, financing, banking, system, etc.) methods and organization in the area of co-operation and industrial investment in order to foster greater participation by French partners in their projects.

¹ Came into force on 31 January 1983 by signature, in accordance with article XIII.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1381, No. I-23169.

2. During their stay in France, under the Service's responsibility and with its daily assistance, these nationals may establish contacts with all the French institutions concerned, in order to:

- Make known their countries's industrial development objectives and the opportunities for industrial joint ventures;
- Find French partners, particularly among small- and medium-sized enterprises, who might be interested in these operations;
- Provide these enterprises with information on investment conditions;
- Answer questions about projects;
- Organize contacts between partners in the two countries;
- Find the necessary funding;
- Where appropriate, find French partners for industrial operations in third countries.

These nationals may also study the potential for developing industrial co-operation between partners in their respective countries.

3. For the implementation of this programme, the Service shall determine, in agreement with the authorities of the countries concerned, the conditions for making one of their nationals available and for adapting the programme to the particular situation of these countries.

Article IV. The Service shall have the support of the UNIDO secretariat in Vienna and of United Nations co-operation machinery throughout the world, as well as the support of the competent French authorities.

Article V. In agreement with the French Government, UNIDO shall appoint the Head of the Service and its other staff.

Personnel shall be recruited in accordance with the relevant rules in force at the United Nations. Personnel contracts drawn up under the agreement of 28 June 1980 shall be renewed as of the date on which this Agreement enters into force and shall last for its duration.

Article VI. The Service shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,¹ subject to the application of the provisions of article 21 of the UNIDO Constitution once the latter enters into force.

Article VII. The working language of the Service shall be French. The Service shall use French for all its operations. All documents to be circulated by the Service shall be distributed to it in French, at the same time as they are distributed to other UNIDO services, in accordance with resolution 36/117 B of 10 December 1981.

Article VIII. Each year, the Head of Service shall prepare:

1. A programme of work which shall be presented to the French Government by UNIDO before 1 December for approval;
2. A report on its activities which shall be communicated to the French Government by UNIDO before 31 March of the following year.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. 15 and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. 1, p. 18.)

Article IX. 1. The operation of the Service shall be financed from the French Government's contribution to the United Nations Industrial Development Fund (UNIDF).

2. Each year, by 31 October at the latest, UNIDO shall present a draft budget for the following fiscal period based on proposals by the Head of Service.

3. The contribution of the French Government shall be decided each year in accordance with French budget laws and regulations.

4. UNIDO may deduct from appropriations to the Service a fixed mutually agreed amount to cover administrative costs.

5. All budget proposals and the final budget shall be expressed in French francs. Expenditures and the portions of the French Government contribution earmarked for operation of the Service shall be presented in a special statement prepared by UNIDO at the end of the fiscal period and attached to the annual report on the Service's activities.

6. At the end of each fiscal period, any unused available funds shall be recredited to France's voluntary contribution to UNIDO and the French Government, in accordance with the rules and practices of that Fund.

Article X. Six months prior to expiry of this Agreement, the French Government and UNIDO shall make a joint evaluation of the results of the Service's activities.

Article XI. This Agreement shall be concluded for a period of three years, effective 1 January 1983, subject to the application of French budget law, including annual parliamentary approval. It shall supersede the Agreement signed at Vienna on 28 June 1980.

Article XII. This Agreement may be amended by an exchange of letters between the Parties.

Article XIII. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

For the United Nations
Industrial Development Organization:

[Signed]

Dr ABDEL-EL RAHMAN KHANE
Executive Director

Vienna, 31 January 1983

For the French Government:

[Signed]

ALBERT THABAULT
Ambassador, Representative
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Vienna, 31 January 1983