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*Registered by the Secretary-General of the Non-aggression and Defence Assistance Agreement on 9 April 1984.*

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## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

NON-AGGRESSION AND DEFENCE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
 BETWEEN THE STATES OF THE WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC  
 COMMUNITY (CEAO) AND TOGO

## PREAMBLE

The Governments of the States members of CEAO and Togo:

Considering the ties of friendship and co-operation existing between their countries;

Conscious of their responsibilities for maintaining peace in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of OAU;<sup>2</sup>

Considering the fact that they belong to the same geographical region;

Aware of the serious threats of aggression that increasingly menace the African continent in general and their countries in particular as a result of foreign intervention;

Considering the fact that while the external defence of their States is the sovereign responsibility of each of them, that defence would nevertheless be made more effective by pooling their respective resources;

Desiring to establish the methods of their co-operation in matters of defence on the basis of equality, respect and mutual interest;

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The Governments of the countries that are signatories to this Agreement undertake not to use force to settle differences between them. They also undertake to provide mutual aid and assistance for their defence against any aggression.

General defence problems shall be dealt with at the level of Chiefs of State and Heads of Government, who shall meet at least once a year, in each member country in turn.

A ministerial council shall be responsible for drawing up defence measures, which shall be submitted to the Conference of Chiefs of State and Heads of Government for approval, and implementing them.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 21 November 1983, upon ratification by the following seven signatory States, in accordance with article 8:

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit of the instrument of ratification</i>
Ivory Coast .....	21 November 1983
Mali .....	3 November 1981
Mauritania .....	12 April 1978
Niger .....	9 June 1983
Senegal .....	20 September 1977
Togo .....	27 April 1982
Upper Volta .....	22 January 1982

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 479, p. 39.

*Article 2.* A permanent Secretariat shall be established with headquarters in Abidjan.

It shall be responsible for the administration and follow-up of decisions as well as for the preparation and management of the Secretariat budget.

The Secretary-General, who shall be appointed by the Conference for a three-year term, shall have no power of decision and take no initiative on questions outside his competence.

*Article 3.* In the event of a threat or of aggression, the Chiefs of State and Heads of Government shall decide to meet in conference.

The meeting shall be preceded by the convening of a ministerial council to consider the situation, express an opinion as to the advisability of military action and, if necessary, to prepare a study on the strategy to be adopted and the means of intervention to be employed.

*Article 4.* The Ministerial Council shall include the chiefs of staff of the armies of the member countries or their representatives.

It shall determine the manner in which each State shall participate in any joint action.

Upon completion of each mission, the Council shall meet and draw up a report for submission to the Chiefs of State and Heads of Government.

It shall submit the Permanent Secretariat's budget to the Conference.

*Article 5.* The only official appointed by the Conference of the Chiefs of State and Heads of Government, on the proposal of the Council of Ministers, shall be responsible for implementing the measures decided upon. He shall dispose of all the resources decided by the Conference.

He shall report to the Ministerial Council on the progress of his mission.

Once an action is under way, any further requests for resources shall be submitted to the Ministerial Council for approval.

*Article 6.* Commitments under this Agreement may not be interpreted as affecting defence conventions or agreements concluded by either party with third States.

*Article 7.* Non-member States wishing to become party to the Agreement must submit a request to that effect to the Permanent Secretariat, which shall inform all member States.

The request shall be approved by the Conference of Chiefs of State and Heads of Government and the accession shall become effective from the date on which the Secretariat amends the list of States parties.

*Article 8.* This Agreement shall enter into force as soon as it is ratified by the seven signatory States.

Any one of the Contracting Parties may denounce the Agreement at any time by giving one year's notice of its intention to do so.

Abidjan, 9 June 1977

For the Republic  
of the Ivory Coast:

[Signed]

FÉLIX HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY  
President of the Republic

For the Islamic Republic  
of Mauritania:

[Signed]

MOKTAR OULD DADDAH  
President of the Republic

For the Republic of the Upper Volta:

[Signed]

EL HADJ ABOUBACAR SANGOULÉ  
LAMIZANA  
President of the Republic

For the Republic of the Niger:

[Signed]

SEYNI KOUNTCHE  
President of the Supreme  
Military Council  
Head of State

For the Republic of Mali:

[Signed]

H. E. MOUSSA TRAORÉ  
President of the Military Committee  
for National Liberation  
Head of State

For the Republic of Senegal:

[Signed]

LÉOPOLD SÉDAR SENGHOR  
President of the Republic

For the Republic of Togo:

[Signed]

GNASSINGBÉ EYADEMA  
President of the Republic

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