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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

GENERAL AGREEMENT¹ ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE GABONESE REPUBLIC

The Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the Gabonese Republic, hereinafter referred to as the High Contracting Parties,

Desiring to develop and enhance the relations existing between the two countries,

Reaffirming their commitment to the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations concerning, in particular, the maintenance of international peace and security, independence and national sovereignty, the equal rights of States, non-interference in internal affairs and mutually advantageous co-operation,

Reiterating the full commitment of their countries to the principles of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, on which the new international economic order is based, and the importance they attach to co-operation among developing countries,

Reaffirming the sovereign right of each State to use its resources and wealth with a view to ensuring the development of its economy in the interest of its people,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. The Parties undertake to strengthen and develop their relations of friendship and co-operation, particularly in the economic, commercial, scientific, technical and cultural fields.

Article II. Under this Agreement, the High Contracting Parties may conclude specific agreements or arrangements in the fields specified in article I.

Article III. To that end, the co-operation which is the subject of this Agreement shall include the following:

- (a) Conclusion of specific economic agreements, particularly in trade matters, on the basis of mutual advantage;
- (b) Collaboration between the two countries for the joint execution of studies in all fields in which such co-operation may be advantageous to the two Parties;
- (c) Co-operation in scientific, technical and technological projects;
- (d) Promotion of cultural exchanges so as to achieve better understanding between the two peoples.

Article IV. The High Contracting Parties shall establish a Joint Commission headed by their respective Ministers for Foreign Affairs or any other member of the Government. This Commission shall see to the implementation of this Agreement and shall formulate recommendations concerning any questions which may arise in the various areas of co-operation between the two countries.

The Joint Commission may meet once a year, alternately in Mexico and Gabon. Special meetings may be held, as necessary, at the request of either Party.

¹ Came into force provisionally on 14 September 1976, the date of signature, in accordance with article V.

Article V. This Agreement shall enter into force provisionally on the date of its signature, and definitively following the exchange of the relevant instruments of ratification.

Article VI. Either High Contracting Party may, at any time, ask that this General Agreement be revised. Revisions or amendments mutually agreed to shall enter into force on the date of their approval by the High Contracting Parties.

Article VII. This General Agreement shall be valid for an indefinite period, unless either High Contracting Party notifies the other Party, through the diplomatic channel six months in advance, of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

DONE at Mexico City on 14 September 1976, in duplicate in the Spanish and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the United Mexican States:

[Signed]

LUIS ECHEVERRIA ALVAREZ
President of the Republic

For the Gabonese Republic:

[Signed]

EL HADJ OMAR BONGO
President of the Republic
