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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI

The President of the French Republic, on the one hand,

The President of the Republic of Djibouti, on the other,

Desiring to develop and strengthen the friendly relations between their two countries, and the co-operation between the French Republic and the Republic of Djibouti in the political, military, economic, financial, cultural, social and technical fields, on the basis of equality, mutual respect for national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of each State and protection of their mutual interests;

Anxious to fulfill the purpose and principles of the Charter of the United Nations for the promotion of international co-operation and friendly relations among nations;

Convinced that co-operation between France and the Republic of Djibouti contributes to the lessening of international tensions and is a factor for peace;

Desiring to strengthen mutual understanding between the French people and the people of the Republic of Djibouti;

Have decided to conclude this Treaty.

The President of the French Republic has appointed for this purpose his plenipotentiary Mr. Robert Galley, Minister of Co-operation, who has presented his full powers, found in good and due form.

Article 1. The High Contracting Parties decide to base the relations of their two countries on equality, mutual respect and peace.

Article 2. The High Contracting Parties proclaim their firm intention of maintaining and strengthening the ties of co-operation and friendship existing between their two countries, to work towards the strengthening of peace and security, and to promote all forms of international co-operation aimed at fostering peace and cultural, economic and social progress.

Article 3. The High Contracting Parties undertake to consult each other on reciprocal measures to be taken to stabilize the currency of the Republic of Djibouti within the framework of their sovereignty.

They also undertake to consult each other on problems of common interest and to promote the economic development of their two countries and decide to offer each other every possible assistance in order to achieve their declared objectives.

Article 4. The High Contracting Parties undertake to develop and strengthen co-operation between their two countries in the fields of culture, science, technology and education.

¹ Came into force on 31 October 1982 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Djibouti, in accordance with article 8.

Article 5. The High Contracting Parties shall promote co-operation between their respective public and private national bodies, and between the economic, social and cultural institutions of the two countries and shall encourage exchanges of experience and information in such areas as they may deem useful by mutual agreement.

Article 6. To ensure compliance with the principles set forth in this Treaty, and in special agreements and conventions concluded between the two Governments, and the furtherance of their objectives, a Franco-Djiboutian Co-operation Commission shall be established consisting of representatives of the two Governments.

The Commission's terms of reference shall cover all relations connected with co-operation and the implementation of the various agreements concluded between the two States.

Article 7. The Commission shall hold one regular session per year alternately in each of the two capitals at a date jointly agreed upon.

Plenary meetings shall be presided over alternately by a member of the Government of the French Republic and by a member of the Government of the Republic of Djibouti. The ministers may, if necessary, be represented by a duly authorized senior official.

The regular sessions shall deal with all the problems involved in Franco-Djiboutian co-operation.

The Commission may hold special sessions at the request of one of the High Contracting Parties.

The Commission shall make to the two Governments such recommendations as it deems would be likely to strengthen and develop co-operation. It shall, when appropriate, make proposals to the two Governments regarding any amendments to the said agreements that it deems necessary.

Article 8. This Treaty shall be ratified. It shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Djibouti as soon as possible.

DONE at Djibouti on 27 June 1977 in two original copies.

For the French Republic:

[Signed]

ROBERT GALLEY
Minister of Co-operation

For the Republic of Djibouti:

[Signed]

HASSAN GOULED APTIDON
President of the Republic
of Djibouti