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AGREEMENT¹ ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

The Government of the Republic of France and the Government of the Republic of Liberia (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties"),

Desiring to promote and enlarge economic and technological cooperation between their two countries to the greatest possible extent;

Mindful of the advantages to be derived by the two Contracting Parties from such cooperation;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. 1. The Contracting Parties shall cooperate with and support each other, within the limits of their capabilities and resources, in solving problems of economic and technological development on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

2. The field of cooperation envisaged in paragraph 1 of this Article shall cover, *inter alia*, the following:

- Agriculture and agro-industry,
- Transport and communications,
- Mining,
- Infrastructures (ports, water supply, etc.).

The Contracting Parties may decide, should it appear mutually beneficial, to identify and include new fields of cooperation.

Article II. Projects undertaken within the framework of this Agreement shall be implemented under separate arrangements and/or contracts, and shall be subject to the approval of the appropriate authorities of each Contracting Party.

Article III. Representatives of the Contracting Parties shall meet by mutual consent to facilitate implementation of the provisions of this Agreement.

Article IV. 1. The separate arrangements and contracts mentioned in Article II of this Agreement shall include provisions relating to the rights, facilities and obligations of any person acting under the authority of one Contracting Party, in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

2. Such persons shall restrict their professional activities in the said territory to matters relating to the implementation of these arrangements and contracts and shall observe the laws and regulations in force in the host country.

Article V. 1. Experts of one Contracting Party who have carried out studies or surveys in the territory of the other Contracting Party, under this

¹ Came into force on 16 November 1979 by an exchange of notes (of 1 June and of 16 November 1979) by which the Contracting Parties informed each other that it had been approved in conformity with their constitutional procedures, in accordance with article VI (1).

Agreement, shall make copies of such studies or surveys available to the other Contracting Party.

2. Each Contracting Party shall keep confidential any restricted document, information, data received or otherwise coming into its possession in the process of the implementation of this Agreement and shall not give such documents or copies thereof to any third party without the written approval of the other Contracting Party.

Article VI. 1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of exchange of notes confirming that it has been approved in accordance with the constitutional procedures or laws and regulations of the Contracting Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five years thereafter.

2. This Agreement may be amended at the request of either Party and such amendment shall come into force in accordance with the procedure stipulated in paragraph 1 of this Article.

3. The operation of this Agreement shall be automatically extended for additional periods of one year, unless either Party notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate this Agreement ninety days prior to the expiration of the said period.

4. The provisions of this Agreement and of any separate arrangements and/or contracts made thereunder shall continue to be applied after their expiry to any existing and unexpired obligations assumed under this Agreement or the said arrangements and/or contracts. Furthermore, any projects already started and still in progress at the date of the termination of this Agreement or the relevant arrangements and/or contracts shall be carried on to completion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives of the Governments of both Contracting States duly authorized thereto have signed this Agreement.

DONE in Paris, the Republic of France, this 23rd day of March A.D. 1979 in two originals in the English and French languages, each original being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the Republic of France:

[Signed]

RENÉ MONORY
Minister of Economy

For the Government
of the Republic of Liberia:

[Signed]

JAMES T. PHILLIPS, Jr.
Minister of Finance