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BASIC AGREEMENT¹ ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERS FOR DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE NIGER

The Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of the Niger,

Desiring to consolidate the friendly relations existing between their States and peoples,

Determined to promote cooperation between the countries of Europe and Africa,

Wishing to foster the friendship and solidarity of European and African youth,
Intent on contributing to their common economic and social development,
Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany shall undertake, through the assignment of European volunteers for development, to participate in economic and social development operations which meet the priority requirements of the people of the Niger and form part of national development policy.

For the purposes of this Agreement, volunteers shall be understood to be specialists who have completed their vocational training and wish to work in the territory of the Republic of the Niger without remuneration in order to promote specific projects in the Niger.

Article 2. Each operation under this Agreement shall be the subject of a specific arrangement between its signatories.

The Contracting Parties may entrust the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Technical Cooperation Association) (GTZ), the German Development Service (DED) and the French Association of Volunteers for Progress (AFVP) with the execution of this Agreement.

If one Party wishes to apply this provision, it shall notify the other Parties concerned accordingly.

Article 3. European volunteers for development shall be integrated into a development project under the authority of the Government of the Republic of the Niger.

Article 4. The Governments of the French Republic and of the Federal Republic of Germany shall seek and assign to the Government of the Republic of the Niger European volunteers for development whose particular areas of competence

¹ Came into force on 11 April 1986, the date of signature, in accordance with article 16.

correspond to the job descriptions in the development projects. They shall also, if need be, give them additional training.

Article 5. The Government of the Republic of the Niger shall provide European volunteers for development with the assistance and protection necessary for the performance of their duties. It shall grant them *inter alia* immunity from civil proceedings for any acts committed in connection with the performance of a duty assigned to them under this Agreement and, in that context, shall assume responsibility for compensating damage.

The Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany shall supply the Government of the Republic of the Niger with any information and other assistance it may require to deal with a case in accordance with this article.

Article 6. Allowances paid to European volunteers for development by the Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany, or by the competent bodies, shall not constitute a salary. The Government of the Republic of the Niger shall exempt European volunteers for development from all taxes and dues relating to such allowances.

Article 7. European volunteers for development shall enjoy full social security coverage, underwritten by their home country and in accordance with its social legislation.

The Government of the Republic of the Niger shall, in so far as possible, grant European volunteers for development entitlement to the same medical, dental and hospital care as is available to its own civil servants.

Article 8. The Government of the Republic of the Niger shall issue to volunteers free of charge entry, residence and free movement permits, and permits to leave the country at any time, including facilities for repatriation in the event of natural disasters or national or international crises, and the identity documents necessary for the performance of their duties.

Article 9. The Government of the Republic of the Niger shall provide the European volunteers for development with furnished accommodation, fully equipped.

Article 10. The Government of the Republic of the Niger shall grant the following facilities to European volunteers for development:

- Temporary entry, free of duties and taxes, of the materials, equipment and vehicles necessary for implementing the projects to which they are assigned.
- Customs exemption for their personal effects and property brought in when taking up their duties in the Niger;
- Temporary import of one private vehicle per family, import duties and taxes being temporarily suspended.

Article 11. The Government of the Republic of the Niger may return a European volunteer for development to his country of origin if it considers that his personal or professional behaviour justifies such a measure. In such case, the Government concerned must be notified accordingly, with a statement of reasons, and must be given one month's notice.

The Government concerned may also recall a European volunteer for development after consultation with the authorities utilizing the volunteer's services.

Article 12. (1) European volunteers for development shall be bound by the obligation to exercise professional discretion in all matters relating to facts or information to which they become privy in the performance of their duties.

(2) They shall refrain from any act that may be detrimental to the Government or project utilizing their services.

(3) Volunteers shall not be required to take part in any manifestation of a character alien to their assignment or be used for activities of the same kind.

(4) They shall not engage in gainful activity of any kind.

Article 13. The procedures for implementing this Agreement may, where necessary, be the subject of additional protocols.

Article 14. This Agreement shall be open to accession by other States members of the European communities.

Article 15. This Agreement shall also apply to *Land Berlin* provided that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has not made a contrary declaration to the Government of the Republic of the Niger within the three months following the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 16. This Agreement shall be concluded for a period of three years and shall be automatically renewed unless denounced by one of the Parties, which shall notify the other Party at least six months before the effective date of such denunciation.

It shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

DONE at Niamey, on 11 April 1986, in three original copies, two in French and one in German, the three texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the French Republic:

[Signed]

CLAUDE SOUBESTE

For the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany:

[Signed]

KLAUS BALD

For the Government of the Republic of the Niger:

[Signed]

SANI BAKO