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**FRANCE AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC  
OF GERMANY  
and  
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**

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for development. Signed at Bangui on 26 February  
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**Accord-Cadre sur l'envoi de volontaires européens du déve-  
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## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

**BASIC AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERS FOR DEVELOPMENT**

The Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany and

The Government of the Central African Republic,

Desiring to consolidate the friendly relations existing between the Contracting States and their 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 Central African Republic and form part of national development policy. Any participation by European volunteers for development shall be undertaken at the express request of the Government of the Central African Republic.

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 Central African Republic without remuneration in order to promote specific projects.

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

The Contracting Parties may entrust specialized agencies or bodies with the execution of this Agreement. These agencies or bodies shall, *inter alia*, if need be, be entitled to make the arrangements referred to in the first paragraph of this article. 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 authorities of the Government of the Central African Republic. The Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany, or the bodies referred to in article 2, second paragraph,

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 26 February 1987 by signature, in accordance with article 15.

shall assign European volunteers for development to the Government of the Central African Republic.

*Article 4.* The Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany, or the bodies referred to in article 2, second paragraph, shall seek European volunteers for development whose particular areas of competence correspond to the job descriptions of the development projects. They shall also, if need be, give them additional training.

*Article 5.* The Government of the Central African Republic shall provide European volunteers for development with the assistance necessary for the performance of their duties. It shall afford them aid and protection.

It shall, *inter alia*, grant immunity from prosecution for any acts committed or words spoken or written in the exercise of their duties.

It shall assume responsibility for compensating damage attributable to European volunteers for development in or during the performance of their duties.

The Governments concerned shall supply the Government of the Central African Republic with whatever information or other assistance it may require for settling amicably any disputes that may arise. Likewise the Government of the Central African Republic shall endeavour to settle such disputes in a spirit of cooperation.

*Article 6.* The 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 Central African Republic 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. In addition, during their residence and on the conclusion of their assignment European volunteers for development shall be covered by the social security legislation applicable to them in their countries of origin.

*Article 8.* The Government of the Central African Republic shall issue to volunteers, free of charge:

- Entry, residence, free movement and exit permits to leave the country at any time, subject to the statutory provisions governing immigration in the Central African Republic,
- Work permits whenever these are required for particular projects, and identity documents guaranteeing in the performance of their duties, the support of the competent Central African authorities.

It shall grant facilities for repatriation in the event of natural disasters or national or international crises, in so far as this can reasonably be done in such circumstances.

*Article 9.* The Government of the Central African Republic shall provide European volunteers for development with accommodation in the areas where they are to work.

It shall authorize temporary entry, free of duties and taxes, for the materials, equipment and vehicles necessary for implementing the project, and for the personal effects and property belonging to volunteers, and one private vehicle per family, for the six months following their arrival.

*Article 10.* The Government of the Central African Republic 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 or agency of origin must be notified accordingly, with a statement of reasons, and must be given one month's notice.

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

*Article 11.* European volunteers for development, without prejudice to their immunities, shall comply with the laws, regulations and customs of the Central African Republic. They 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.

They shall refrain from any act that may be detrimental to the Government or agency utilizing their services.

Volunteers shall not be required to take part in any manifestation alien to their assignment nor be assigned to any such activities.

They shall not engage in gainful activity of any kind.

*Article 12.* The procedures for implementing this Basic Agreement may, where necessary, be the subject of additional protocols.

*Article 13.* This Agreement shall be open to accession by other States members of the European Communities.

*Article 14.* 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 Central African Republic within the three months following the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

*Article 15.* This Basic 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 Bangui, on 26 February 1987, in triplicate, in the French and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the French Republic:

[Signed]

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