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**FRANCE AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY  
and  
GAMBIA**

**Basic Agreement on the assignment of European volunteers  
for development. Signed at Dakar on 4 August 1986**

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AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA 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 Republic of The Gambia

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

Determined to promote co-operation between the nations of Europe and Africa, Anxious to deepen the friendship and solidarity between the youth of Europe and Africa,

Resolved to contribute to their common economic and social development,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* (1) The Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany undertake, by assigning European volunteers for development, to participate in economic and social development measures designed to meet the priority needs of the people of the Republic of The Gambia and incorporated in the framework of the national development policy. Any involvement of European volunteers for development shall be at the express request of the Government of the Republic of The Gambia.

(2) Volunteers within the meaning of this Agreement shall be specialists who have completed their professional training and wish to work in the Republic of The Gambia without remuneration in the form of a salary with a view to promoting specific projects in the Republic of The Gambia.

*Article 2.* (1) Each measure within the framework of this Agreement shall be the subject of a separate arrangement between its signatories.

(2) The contracting parties may charge specialized agencies or organizations with the implementation of this Agreement. Such agencies or organizations shall as appropriate be authorized in particular to conclude the arrangements referred to in the first paragraph of this Article. Should a party wish to apply this provision it shall notify the other parties affected of its intention.

*Article 3.* The European volunteers for development shall be integrated into a development project under the authority of the Government of the Republic of The Gambia. The Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany or the organizations envisaged in Article 2, paragraph 2, of this Agreement shall assign the European volunteers for development to the Government of the Republic of The Gambia.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 4 August 1986 by signature, in accordance with article 15 (2).

*Article 4.* The Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany or the organizations referred to in Article 2, paragraph 2, of this Agreement shall recruit European volunteers for development whose qualifications correspond to the job descriptions of the respective development projects. They shall also ensure as appropriate that they receive complementary training.

*Article 5.* (1) The Government of the Republic of The Gambia shall support the European volunteers for development to the extent necessary in carrying out their assignment. It shall afford them assistance and protection.

(2) It shall in particular grant immunity from prosecution for any acts done or words spoken or written by them in connection with the performance of a task which has been assigned to them under this Agreement.

(3) It shall pay indemnification for any damage attributed to them in connection with the performance of a task which has been assigned to them and undertakes not to seek recourse against them except in the case of intent or serious professional misconduct which shall be jointly determined by the parties affected.

(4) The Governments concerned shall provide the Government of the Republic of The Gambia with all information and [any] other assistance necessary in order to handle a case falling under this Article.

*Article 6.* The remuneration granted to the European volunteers for development by the Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany or the authorized organizations shall not be regarded as a salary. The Government of the Republic of The Gambia shall exempt the European volunteers for development from all duties and taxes in relation to such remuneration.

*Article 7.* (1) The European volunteers for development shall enjoy full social security.

(2) Moreover, the European volunteers for development shall, for the duration of their stay and after the completion of their assignment, be covered by the legislation on social security applicable to them in their country of origin.

*Article 8.* The Government of the Republic of The Gambia shall issue free of charge entrance and residence permits as well as permits allowing them to move freely in the country and to leave at any time, including facilities for repatriation in the event of a natural disaster or national or international crisis, in addition to any identification documents necessary to enable them to carry out their tasks.

*Article 9.* (1) Accommodation and furnishings for the European volunteers for development shall be provided by the European nation or organization financing the project.

(2) It shall admit into the country on a temporary basis, duty and tax free, the material, equipment and vehicles necessary for the implementation of the project, as well as the personal effects of the European volunteers for development, with the exception of food and beverages, and one private vehicle per family.

*Article 10.* (1) The Government of the Republic of The Gambia may send a European volunteer for development home if it considers his personal or professional conduct justifies such a step. It shall notify the sending Government or organization of such decision one month in advance, stating the reasons.

(2) The sending Government or organization may for its part recall a European volunteer for development after consultation with the authorities he is working for.

*Article 11.* (1) The volunteers are bound to exercise professional discretion with regard to any facts or information which come to their knowledge in the performance of their functions.

(2) They shall abstain from any act likely to be detrimental to the Government or organization they are working for.

(3) The volunteers may not be compelled to participate in any function that is alien to their assignment or to engage in any such activities.

(4) They may not engage in any gainful activity, irrespective of its nature.

*Article 12.* The details of application of this Agreement may, as necessary, be made the subject of additional protocols.

*Article 13.* This Agreement shall be open for 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 does not make a contrary declaration to the Government of the Republic of The Gambia within three months of the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

*Article 15.* (1) This Agreement shall be valid for a period of three years and shall be tacitly extended unless it is denounced by one of the parties by giving at least six months' notice to the other party.

(2) It shall enter into force on the date of signature.

DONE at Dakar on 4 August 1986 in three originals in the French, German and English languages, all three texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the French Republic:

[Signed]<sup>1</sup>

For the Government  
of the Federal  
Republic of Germany:

[Signed]<sup>2</sup>

For the Government  
of the Republic  
of The Gambia:

[Signed]<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Signed by Alain Pallu de Beauvuy.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by Lang.

<sup>3</sup> Signed by Babou Ousmane Diop.