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**FRANCE
and
CÔTE D'IVOIRE**

Agreement on the establishment of a Grand Joint Commission on Franco-Ivorian cooperation. Signed at Paris on 20 October 1987

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Accord portant création d'une grande commission mixte de coopération franco-ivoirienne. Signé à Paris le 20 octobre 1987

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH
REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRAND
JOINT COMMISSION ON FRANCO-IVORIAN COOPERATION

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire,

With reference to the Treaty on cooperation between the French Republic and the Republic of the Ivory Coast of 24 April 1961,² to the Agreements on cooperation concluded between them on the same date,³ and to their subsequent Agreements and Conventions,⁴

Wishing to strengthen the exemplary and specific character of the relations between them, and in a common desire to consolidate and strengthen these relations in all areas,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

There shall be established a Grand Joint Commission on Franco-Ivorian cooperation, hereinafter referred to as "the Grand Joint Commission".

Article 2

The Grand Joint Commission shall be composed of representatives designated by each of the Parties.

The French delegation shall be led by the Minister for cooperation or, alternatively, by another member of the Government.

The Ivorian delegation shall be led by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Plenary meetings shall be presided over by the head of the delegation of the Party acting as host for the meeting.

The Grand Joint Commission shall meet once every two years, alternately in France and in Côte d'Ivoire, and as necessary on the initiative of either Party.

Article 3

The purpose of the Grand Joint Commission shall be to seek ways and means of strengthening the cooperation between the Parties, especially in the economic, technical, scientific and cultural fields.

¹ Came into force on 1 April 1988, i.e., the first day of the second month following the date of the last of the notifications (effected on 2 December 1987 and 1 February 1988) by which the Parties had informed each other of the completion of the required formalities, in accordance with article 5.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 747, p. 113.

³ See "Agreement on cultural co-operation", United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 747, p. 119.

⁴ See "Exchange of letters constituting an agreement relating to the deanship of the diplomatic corps at Abidjan and modifying the Treaty on cooperation of 24 April 1961", United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1144, p. 374; "Agreement in co-operation in postal and telecommunications matters", *ibid.*, vol. 1323, p. 193; and "General Agreement on technical co-operation in personnel matters", *ibid.*, vol. 1332, p. 75.

To this end, it shall be responsible:

- For determining in what direction cooperation in these various fields should be guided;
- For adopting programmes of cooperation and for discussing how they are to be carried out;
- For evaluating regularly the results obtained.

All relations concerning cooperation and the implementation of the Agreements and Conventions on cooperation concluded between the two States shall come within its jurisdiction.

All bilateral cooperation organs shall henceforth be technical commissions of the Grand Joint Commission.

The Grand Joint Commission may establish any other organ as necessary, such as a commission, sub-commission or *ad hoc* committee.

The Grand Joint Commission shall establish its own rules of procedure and may modify or abrogate those which governed the bilateral cooperation organs, whose powers shall devolve to the Grand Joint Commission.

It shall also be competent to seek solutions to problems arising from the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of the Agreements and Conventions concluded between the Parties.

Article 4

The conclusions and guidelines proposed by the commissions, sub-commissions and *ad hoc* committees shall be submitted to the Grand Joint Commission for approval.

Article 5

Each Party shall notify the other when it has completed the necessary formalities concerning the entry into force of this Agreement, which shall take effect on the first day of the second month following the date of the last notification.

This Agreement may be denounced at any time on one year's notice.

DONE at Paris on 20 October 1987, in duplicate.

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