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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT¹ ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND
TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties", desiring to develop their economic relations, on the basis of mutual advantage, have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Parties, convinced that an increase in economic exchanges is to the advantage of each Party, shall promote and endeavour to provide all necessary facilities for, the development of economic, industrial and technical cooperation between the respective enterprises, organizations and institutions of the two countries, in accordance with the legislation in force in each country.

Article II

The two Parties attach great importance to the exchange of information concerning economic policies and specific areas of cooperation.

Article III

The two Parties shall develop economic, industrial and technical cooperation, in the following areas:

- (A) Mining,
- (B) Energy and energy production,
- (C) Agriculture,
- (D) Light industry and food industry,
- (E) Engineering,
- (F) Metallurgy,
- (G) Electronics,
- (H) Chemistry,
- (I) Construction,
- (J) Aeronautics,
- (K) Transport,

as well as in other areas of mutual interest.

¹ Came into force on 17 February 1988 by signature, in accordance with article VIII.

Article IV

The two Parties shall, according to the conditions, possibilities and the legislation in force in each country, encourage various forms of industrial and technical cooperation. The latter shall relate *inter alia* to new projects or works, expansion of the capacity of existing works, capital goods, as well as patents.

Article V

A joint intergovernmental commission for economic, industrial and technical cooperation is hereby established, with responsibility for ensuring the development of economic relations between the two countries.

The Commission shall, in principle, meet once a year, in Paris and in Tirana alternately.

The main responsibilities of the Joint Commission shall be to:

- Discuss and implement the Agreement,
- Consider specific areas of cooperation,
- Review progress in and prospects for cooperation.

The Joint Commission shall propose to the competent authorities any initiative which may enhance the effectiveness of its work.

The Parties shall agree on the agenda and date of the meeting, through the diplomatic channel.

Article VI

The two Parties, with reference to the agreement in principle which they reached in September 1985, to establish a “Franco-Albanian study group for the development of economic exchanges” between representatives of the business circles of both countries, underscore the importance of the activities of this group for the development of trade and economic, industrial and technical cooperation between the two countries and encourage its action.

Article VII

For purposes of implementing this Agreement, the institutions, organizations and enterprises of the two Parties shall sign agreements, protocols, programmes or contracts among themselves, as necessary, in accordance with the legislation in force in each country.

Article VIII

This Agreement is concluded for a period of five years, and shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed.

Once the five years have elapsed, it shall be renewed annually by tacit agreement. Any request to renegotiate, suspend or terminate the Agreement shall be notified to the other Party six months prior to the date on which the Agreement expires.

DONE at Tirana, on 17 February 1988, in duplicate, in the French and Albanian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the French Republic:

[Signed]

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[Signed]

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