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**FRANCE
and
BURKINA FASO**

General Agreement on cooperation. Signed at Paris on 4 February 1986

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Accord général de coopération. Signé à Paris le 4 février 1986

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

GENERAL AGREEMENT¹ ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND BURKINA FASO

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of Burkina Faso have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of Burkina Faso affirm their desire to promote the ties of friendship and solidarity between them in a spirit of mutual understanding based on their common desire to rectify inequalities in development.

They emphasize their common desire to increase, in mutual respect for each country's sovereignty, the effectiveness and coherence of their actions in the context of cooperation, the orientations of which shall be defined jointly by both countries and which shall take the form of a series of projects identified and programmed by mutual agreement.

Each Government shall provide the diplomatic mission of the other, and particularly to the Cooperation Mission established or to be established therein, with all the necessary facilities for the implementation of the programmes agreed upon.

Article 2

Cooperation between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of Burkina Faso shall be governed by this general agreement and by specific agreements signed, *inter alia*, in the following areas:

- Technical personnel,
- Economic and financial matters,
- Teaching, culture and sports,
- Information, postal services and telecommunications,
- Civil aviation and merchant marine,
- Scientific and technical research.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties agree to establish a Joint High Commission composed of high-level representatives, which shall be responsible for defining the orientations of cooperation between the two countries and for promoting the implementation of joint activities.

The Joint High Commission shall meet every two years, alternately in France and in Burkina Faso. It may be convened in special session at the request of either of the Contracting Parties.

¹ Came into force on 3 November 1987, the date of the last of the notifications by which the Contracting Parties informed each other of the completion of their respective constitutional procedures, in accordance with article 6.

The Joint High Commission may, as necessary, establish specialized joint commissions for the study of specific issues.

Article 4

Any dispute regarding the application or interpretation of this general Agreement which the two parties are unable to resolve by direct negotiations shall be settled in accordance with procedures prescribed by international law.

Article 5

This general Agreement may be partially or totally revised at the request of either Party. In the event of denunciation, notice thereof must be given through the diplomatic channel six months before it takes effect.

Article 6

This general Agreement abrogates the Treaty on cooperation done at Paris on 24 April 1961,¹ as well as the Protocol establishing a joint high commission, signed on 14 December 1978 at Ouagadougou.² It shall enter into force upon the receipt of the last of the notifications that the requirements of the constitutional provisions in force in each of the two States have been met.

DONE at Paris on 4 February 1986, in two copies in the French language.

For the Government
of the French Republic:

[Signed]

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For the Government
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[Signed]

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¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 782, p. 171.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 1147, p. 231.