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**FRANCE
and
BURKINA FASO**

**Convention concerning the Prothesis Centre of Ouagadougou
(with exchange of letters). Signed at Paris on 4 February
1986**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BURKINA FASO CONCERNING THE PROSTHESIS CENTRE OF OUAGADOUGOU

The Government of the French Republic, on the one hand, and

The Government of Burkina Faso, on the other,

Considering the ties of friendship between the two countries,

Wishing to ensure the optimal functioning of the Prosthesis Centre of Ouagadougou with a view to its transfer to Burkina Faso under the latter's administration in cooperation with the French Republic,

Have agreed on the following provisions:

Article 1

Burkina Faso shall be in charge of administering the Prosthesis Centre of Ouagadougou.

The French Republic undertakes to provide assistance for this purpose. The modalities of such assistance shall be set forth in an exchange of letters.

Article 2

The Centre shall continue, at the request of the Government of the French Republic and at the latter's expense, to provide prostheses to disabled persons and veterans who receive benefits under the French code of disability pensions, and to French nationals.

The costs of acquisition, repair and replacement and, in general, of all operations connected with the provision of prostheses to persons covered by this agreement shall be the same as those for the provision of prostheses to Burkina Faso nationals treated by the Centre under the national insurance programme.

Article 3

This convention is concluded for a five-year period and may be renewed by tacit agreement.

It may be partially or totally revised at the request of either party. Any denunciation must be notified through the diplomatic channel six months before it takes effect.

Article 4

This convention abrogates the agreement of 31 January 1963 concerning assistance to the Prosthesis Centre of Ouagadougou.² It shall enter into force upon receipt

¹ Came into force on 28 June 1988, the date of the last of the notifications by which the Contracting Parties informed each other of the completion of the constitutional procedures, in accordance with article 4.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1563, No. I-27190.

of the later of the two notifications from the parties to the effect that the requirements of the constitutional provisions in force 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]

Christian NUCCI
Deputy Minister
for Cooperation and Development

For the Government
of Burkina Faso:

[Signed]

Basile GUISSOU
Minister
for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

I

Paris, 4 February 1986

Sir,

The Convention concerning the Prosthesis Centre of Ouagadougou provides that the Government of the French Republic and the Government of Burkina Faso have agreed to ensure the optimal functioning of the Centre with a view to its administration by Burkina Faso with the assistance of the French Republic; it also provides that the modalities of such assistance shall be set forth in an exchange of letters.

I therefore have the honour to propose that the Prosthesis Centre should consist of two separate units:

The first unit, which shall be administered under the responsibility and at the expense of the French Republic, shall provide prostheses to disabled persons and veterans who receive benefits under the French code of disability pensions, and to French nationals. This unit shall be authorized to provide prostheses to disabled veterans who receive benefits under the French code of military pensions in adjacent countries such as Mali, Niger, Togo and Benin.

The second unit shall be administered by Burkina Faso and shall provide prostheses to Burkina Faso nationals.

I have the honour to inform you that, at the request of the Government of Burkina Faso, the Government of the French Republic is prepared to assist in the operation and equipment of the Centre, *inter alia* by:

- Making available French technical assistants to Burkina Faso in the context of the agreement on technical cooperation in respect of personnel;
- Providing initial and advanced training for Burkina Faso personnel;
- Modernizing the Centre's equipment, which may be financed by the French Republic according to the usual development assistance procedures;
- Providing materials for the manufacture of prostheses.

I should be grateful if you would inform us whether your Government agrees to this plan.

Accept, Sir, etc.

[Signed]

CHRISTIAN NUCCI

Deputy Minister to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
in charge of Cooperation and Development

II

Paris, 4 February 1986

Sir,

You kindly addressed to me, on today's date, a letter which reads as follows:

[See letter I]

I have the honour to inform you that my Government agrees to the foregoing provisions.

[Signed]

BASILE GUISSOU
Minister for Foreign Affairs
and Cooperation