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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC ON THE MODALITIES OF FRANCO-HELLENIC CO-OPERATION WITH REGARD TO MAJOR NATURAL HAZARDS

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Hellenic Republic,

Whereas the threats to which France and Greece are subject owing to the existence in each of these nations of major natural hazards, have led the French and Greek Governments to compare their points of view in this regard;

Whereas said Governments believe that, since most natural hazards have international dimensions, they call for an international strategy — in this case a Mediterranean one — by way of response;

Whereas the two Governments consequently wish to join forces with regard to major natural hazards,

Have agreed on the following provisions:

Article 1

(1) The signatory Governments shall cooperate with regard to major natural hazards. Their cooperation shall be aimed at:

- Hazards prediction, when possible;
- Hazards prevention, either by keeping hazards from degenerating into disasters or by attenuating their effects.

(2) This cooperation shall take the form of:

- Exchanges of information;
- Training of specialists;
- Carrying out exercises and training courses.

Article 2

The Parties shall carry out regular exchanges of information with respect to:

- Research and studies in this field; these exchanges may take the form of seminars, congresses or scientific gatherings. The decision may also be taken to put out joint publications;
- Annual assessments; the data therefrom could be compared for use at a later date;
- Equipment used and standardization thereof.

Article 3

The Parties intend to harmonize the training of specialists in the two countries.

¹ Came into force on 11 May 1989 by signature, in accordance with article 6.

For such purpose, the Parties may:

- Inform one another of their respective instructional programmes for the training of specialists, and seek to harmonize said programmes;
- Exchange instructors and trainees in the context of study and research programmes;
- Organize joint training courses for specialists, at the initial or advanced level.

At the end of each year the training courses shall be assessed. At the same time, a schedule of training courses for the coming year shall be prepared.

Article 4

A Joint Expert Committee shall be established; its functions shall be:

- During non-crisis periods, to handle the technical aspects of cooperation associated with the exchange of information and the harmonization of training;
- Actions of mutual interest on which the Committee may decide shall be submitted to the Joint Franco-Hellenic Subcommittee for Scientific and Technical Cooperation, which shall meet once a year alternately at Paris and at Athens, for a decision;
- During crisis periods, to observe the developing situation and the effectiveness of the preventive measures adopted.

The Committee shall be composed of an equal number of representatives of both Parties. The chairmanship thereof shall alternate annually between the two Parties.

It shall meet periodically, at least once a year and, in times of crisis, at the request of either Party.

Article 5

(1) The Parties shall designate the following officials respectively to enforce the provisions of this Agreement:

- For the Government of the French Republic: the Junior Minister for the Environment and the Prevention of Major Technological and Natural Hazards;
- For the Government of the Hellenic Republic: the Minister for the Environment, Town Planning and Public Works, or his representative.

(2) These officials may, within the limits of their own powers and of the funds available to them, make such specific arrangements as may be necessary for the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 6

This Agreement shall come into force on the date of its signature.

It may be denounced at any time, termination being effective six months from the date of notification of denunciation.

DONE at Paris on 11 May 1989 in duplicate in the French and Greek languages.

For the Government
of the French Republic:

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For the Government
of the Hellenic Republic:

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