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**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
and FRANCE
and
GUINEA**

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for development. Signed at Conakry on 14 October 1987**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

BASIC AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERS FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Guinea,

Desiring to consolidate the friendly relations existing between the Contracting States and their peoples,

Determined to promote cooperation between the countries of Europe and Africa,

Wishing to foster the friendship and solidarity of European and African youth,

Intent on contributing to their common economic and social development,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

(1) The Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany shall undertake, through the assignment of European volunteers for development, to participate in economic and social development operations which meet the priority requirements of the people of Guinea and form part of national development policy. Any participation by European volunteers for development shall be undertaken at the express request of the Government of Guinea.

(2) For the purposes of this Agreement, volunteers shall be understood to be specialists who have completed their vocational training and wish to work in the territory of the Republic of Guinea without remuneration in order to promote projects jointly agreed upon.

Article 2

(1) Each operation under this Agreement shall be the subject of a specific arrangement between its signatories.

(2) The Contracting Parties may entrust specialized agencies or bodies with the execution of this Agreement. These agencies or bodies shall, *inter alia*, if need be, be entitled to make the arrangements referred to in the first paragraph of this article. If one Party wishes to apply this provision, it shall notify the other Parties concerned accordingly.

Article 3

European volunteers for development shall be integrated into a development project under the authority of the Government of Guinea. The Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany, or the bodies referred to in

¹ Came into force on 14 October 1987, by signature, in accordance with article 15.

article 2, paragraph (2), shall assign European volunteers for development to the Government of Guinea.

Article 4

The Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany, or the bodies referred to in article 2, paragraph (2), shall seek European volunteers for development whose particular areas of competence correspond to the job descriptions of the development projects. They shall also, if need be, give them additional training.

Article 5

(1) The Government of Guinea shall provide European volunteers for development with the assistance necessary for the performance of their duties. It shall afford them aid and protection.

(2) It shall, *inter alia*, grant immunity from prosecution for any acts committed or words spoken or written in connection with the performance of a duty assigned to them under this Agreement.

(3) It shall assume responsibility for compensating damage attributable to them in connection with the performance of any duty assigned to them under this Agreement, and shall undertake not to institute legal proceedings against them except for fraud or serious professional misconduct jointly acknowledged by the Parties concerned.

(4) The Governments concerned shall supply the Government of Guinea with whatever information or other assistance it may require to deal with a case in accordance with this article.

Article 6

The allowances paid to European volunteers for development by the Governments of the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany, or by the competent bodies, shall not constitute a salary. The Government of Guinea shall exempt European volunteers for development from all taxes and dues relating to such allowances.

Article 7

(1) European volunteers for development shall enjoy full social security coverage.

(2) In addition, during their stay and on the conclusion of their assignment European volunteers for development shall be covered by the Social Security legislation applicable to them in their countries of origin.

Article 8

The Government of Guinea shall issue to volunteers, free of charge, entry, residence, free movement and exit permits to leave the country at any time, including facilities for repatriation in the event of natural disasters or national or international crises, and the identity documents necessary for the performance of their duties.

Article 9

(1) The Government of Guinea shall provide European volunteers with furnished accommodation, fully equipped.

(2) It shall authorize temporary entry, free of duties and taxes, of the material, equipment and vehicles necessary for implementing the project, and of the personal effects and property belonging to volunteers, including one private vehicle per family but excluding food and beverages.

Article 10

(1) The Government of Guinea may return a European volunteer for development to his country of origin if it considers that his personal or professional behaviour justifies such a measure. In such case, the Government or agency of origin must be notified accordingly, with a statement of reasons, and must be given one month's notice.

(2) The Government or agency of origin may also recall a European volunteer for development after consultation with the authorities utilizing the volunteer's services.

Article 11

(1) Volunteers shall be bound by the obligation to exercise professional discretion in all matters relating to facts or information to which they become privy in the performance of their duties.

(2) They shall refrain from any act that may be detrimental to the Government or agency utilizing their services.

(3) Volunteers shall not be required to take part in any manifestation alien to their assignment nor be assigned to any such activities.

(4) They shall not engage in gainful activity of any kind.

Article 12

The procedures for implementing this Basic Agreement may, where necessary, be the subject of additional protocols.

Article 13

This Agreement shall be open to accession by other States members of the European Communities.

Article 14

This Agreement shall also apply to *Land Berlin*, provided that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has not made a contrary declaration to the Government of the Republic of Guinea within the three months following the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 15

This Basic Agreement shall be concluded for a period of three years and shall be automatically renewed unless denounced by one of the Parties, which shall notify the other Party at least six months before the effective date of such denunciation.

It shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

DONE at Conakry, on 14 October 1987, in six copies, three in the German language and three in the French language, all the texts being equally authentic.

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