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BASIC AGREEMENT¹ CONCERNING ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

PREAMBLE

Pursuant to the provisions of General Agreement No. 16/C/60/E, on aid and cooperation in the field of scientific research, signed by the French Republic and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on 13 April 1962,

Considering the advancement of both the French research structures and the Ivorian research structures,

Whereas the two countries have expressed their political will to pursue and intensify their scientific and technical cooperation within the framework of existing or future research structures, in order to enable Côte d'Ivoire to better manage its scientific patrimony and its research apparatus, and in order to enable France to contribute to development-oriented research carried out in cooperation with the countries concerned,

Whereas the representatives of the two countries at the ninth and tenth meetings of the French-Ivorian Joint Commission on Scientific and Technical Research, held at PARIS (20-23 January 1982) and at ABIDJAN (7-9 March 1983), expressed their desire to update the methods for applying the aforementioned General Agreement on aid and cooperation in the field of scientific research,

The Government of the French Republic, represented by Mr. Christian Nucci, Minister Delegate in charge of Cooperation and Development,

On the one hand,

The Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, represented by M. Balla Keita, Minister of Education and of Scientific Research,

On the other hand,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Since they have common objectives in the field of scientific and technical research, France and Côte d'Ivoire wish to extend aid and cooperation to all fields, in order to contribute to true economic, social and cultural co-development.

¹ Came into force on 27 December 1989, the date of the last of the notifications (of 9 August and 27 December 1989) by which the Contracting Parties informed each other of the completion of the required formalities, in accordance with article 10.

This scientific and technical cooperation shall be carried out through joint research programmes which may involve all the French and Ivorian research agencies.

This cooperation shall include training programmes for researchers, as well as the organization and dissemination of scientific and technical information.

This cooperation shall be aimed at strengthening regional solidarity and increasing the international impact of French-Ivorian research.

Article 2

LAND AND OTHER REAL ESTATE

The two Parties agree that Côte d'Ivoire shall have sovereignty over and ownership of the land and other real estate of all French research structures in Côte d'Ivoire.

The terms of the transfer of such land and other real estate to existing or future Ivorian research agencies shall be agreed upon between the Parties, according to how the restructuring of French and Ivorian research institutions proceeds.

Article 3

CHOICE AND PROGRAMMING OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Research programmes shall be planned and executed on a contractual basis.

The choice of programmes to be carried out in cooperation shall be made within the framework of the Ivorian offices of scientific and financial programming, bearing in mind any proposals that might be put forward by France.

The Joint Commission on Scientific and Technical Research shall establish the amounts to be contributed by each country for each individual programme.

Article 4

MECHANISMS FOR DIALOGUE

The two countries shall hold consultations as needed, and in any event before the meeting of the Joint Commission, for the purpose of considering on a programme by programme basis, the following:

- The objectives, content and methods of execution
- The means required, in terms of man/months and funds for programme support.

These consultations shall also serve the purpose of following up on programmes and making any necessary corrections promptly and at the appropriate levels.

Article 5

APPLICATION OF FINDINGS

The two countries agree to pay special attention to actions relating to the application of research findings. In France and in Côte d'Ivoire, such activities shall be

carried out with due regard for the principle of joint management. Income derived from those applications shall be designated for cooperative research activities.

The findings of research carried out jointly in Côte d'Ivoire and, more specifically, the improved plant and animal materials resulting therefrom, as well as the technologies developed, shall be owned jointly by France and Côte d'Ivoire.

The use of such findings in a third country shall be the subject of an agreement between the two Parties.

Article 6

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Cooperation between France and Côte d'Ivoire shall extend to the field of scientific and technical information, according to the following guidelines:

(a) To allow for the establishment in Côte d'Ivoire of document collections and scientific and technical databases, particularly through the transfer of information held by French research agencies, relating to studies carried out in Côte d'Ivoire (publications, survey protocols, methodology, databases, etc.)

(b) To support the creation, in Côte d'Ivoire, of a modern network of scientific and technical information

(c) To facilitate the linking of the Ivorian network with French and international databases and banks.

Article 7

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION PERSONNEL

Rules pertaining to the status of scientific and technical cooperation personnel shall be set forth in the context of provisions concerning cooperation in terms of personnel.

At any event, scientific and technical cooperation personnel shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the research structures to which they are assigned.

As regards their administrative status (salary, promotion, benefits...), they shall be governed by the provisions of their contract with their agency of origin.

The duration of overseas missions not directly related to the objective of the programme to which a researcher is assigned shall not be more than one month per year. The schedule of such missions shall be established by agreement between the Parties, bearing in mind the constraints of the programme.

Article 8

ESTABLISHMENT CONVENTIONS

Establishment conventions may be concluded for the different research agencies called on to cooperate in the field of scientific research in France and in Côte d'Ivoire.

Article 9

This agreement is concluded for an indefinite duration.

Either Contracting Party may at any time inform the other Party of its decision to put an end to this agreement, provided it gives six months' notice.

Denunciation of this agreement shall not affect the implementation of projects that are under negotiation or the execution of contracts that have already been signed.

Rights currently in the process of being acquired shall be governed by special arrangements between the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties.

Article 10

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later notification by either Contracting Party to the other Party of the completion of the formalities required for its entry into force.

DONE at Paris, on, in two original copies.

For the Government
of the French Republic:
[CHRISTIAN NUCCI]

For the Government
of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire:
[BALLA KEITA]