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**FRANCE
and
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**Agreement on the search for archive documents and their
restitution. Signed at Paris on 12 November 1992**

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Registered by France on 27 September 1993.

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et
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**Accord sur la recherche et la restitution d'archives. Signé à
Paris le 12 novembre 1992**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON THE SEARCH FOR ARCHIVE DOCUMENTS AND THEIR RESTITUTION

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Russian Federation,

Acting in the spirit of the traditional friendship and trust between Russia and France, and in accordance with international practice,

Taking into account the Agreement of 12 November 1992 between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Russian Federation on cooperation relating to public archives,²

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Each Party shall take the necessary steps to locate the archive documents belonging to the other Party in its archives, libraries and other State archive institutions in order to identify and return them.

Article 2

Each Party may make copies, for non-commercial purposes, of public archive documents belonging to the other Party, before they are returned, and may publish them after first informing the other Party.

After they have been returned to their rightful owners, access to such documents shall be guaranteed to all persons under the conditions prescribed in the national legislation of the State to which these archive documents belong.

Article 3

Each Party shall assist in the search for documents which may belong to the public archives of the other Party, in particular in the determination of the original and legal status of such documents.

Article 4

Each Party may, at the request of its nationals concerned, seek the restitution of archive documents which belong to them and which are in the possession of the other Party.

Article 5

Each Party shall facilitate contacts between the other Party and private organizations or individuals who might be in possession of archive documents which are of interest to that other Party.

¹ Came into force on 12 November 1992 by signature, in accordance with article 8.

² See p. 51 of this volume.

Article 6

The two Parties shall, as far as possible, assist in the implementation of such arrangements for the restitution or transfer of archive documents as may be concluded by one of them with private organizations or individuals.

Article 7

The practical modalities for the implementation of this Agreement shall be the subject of special arrangements between the two Parties.

Article 8

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

DONE at Paris, on 12 November 1992, in two copies, each in the French and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the French Republic:

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