



THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN

Hereinafter referred to as "The Parties"

Considering the long standing bond of friendship and solidarity between the two countries and peoples;

Desirous to intensify and strengthen the economic, commercial, scientific, technical, educational and cultural cooperation between the two countries;

Expressing their common will to work towards the realization of the objectives of economic integration at the Sub-regional and regional levels, in conformity with the appropriate provisions of the Constitutive Act of the African Union.

Convinced of the mutual advantages that can be derived from the strengthening of this cooperation in the interest of both Peoples;

Hereby agree as follows:

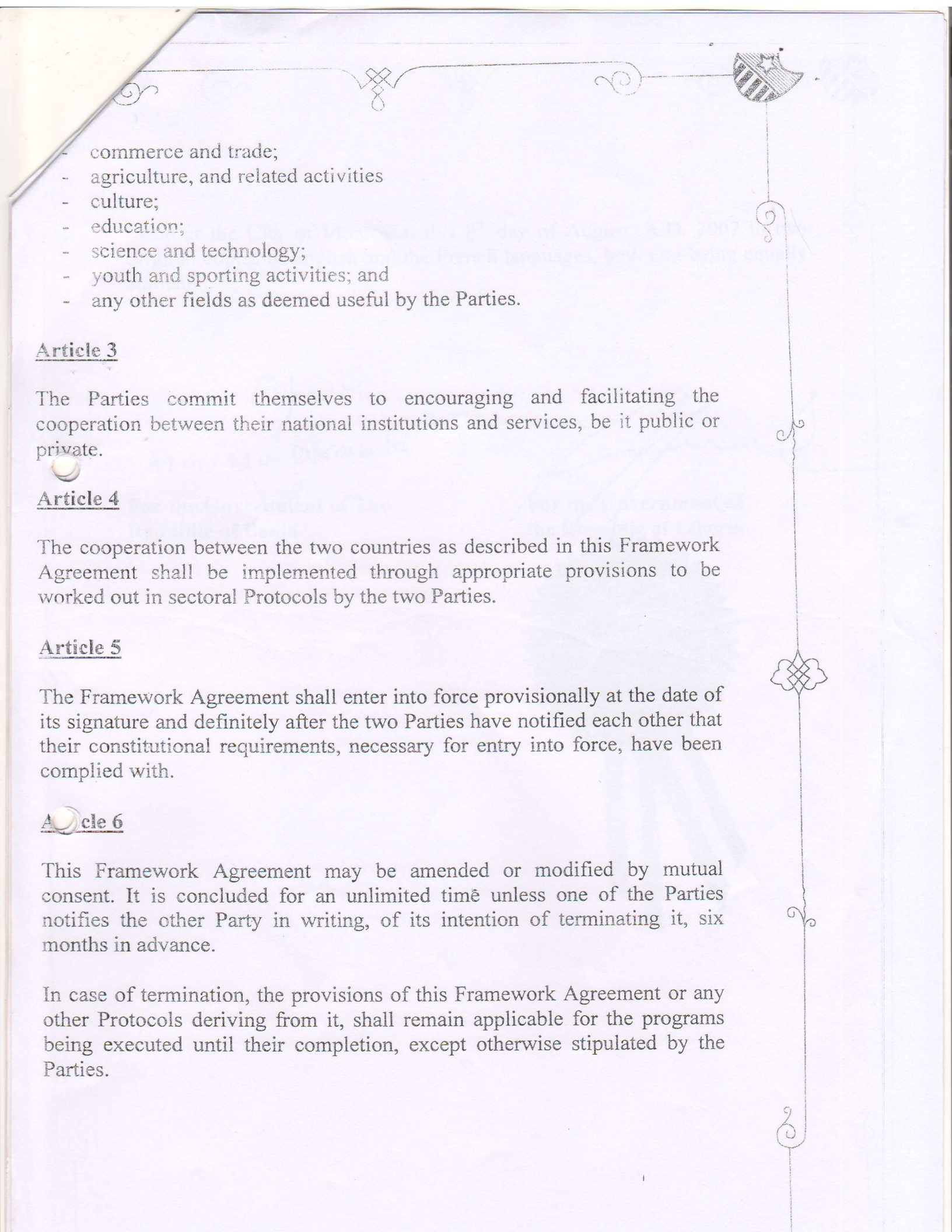
Article 1

The Parties commit themselves to promoting and diversifying the cooperation between their countries on the basis of the principles of equality, mutual respect of each other's sovereignty and mutual advantage.

Article 2

The cooperation above referred to in article 1 of this Framework Agreement covers the following fields:

- economy;

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- commerce and trade;
 - agriculture, and related activities
 - culture;
 - education;
 - science and technology;
 - youth and sporting activities; and
 - any other fields as deemed useful by the Parties.

Article 3

The Parties commit themselves to encouraging and facilitating the cooperation between their national institutions and services, be it public or private.

Article 4

The cooperation between the two countries as described in this Framework Agreement shall be implemented through appropriate provisions to be worked out in sectoral Protocols by the two Parties.

Article 5

The Framework Agreement shall enter into force provisionally at the date of its signature and definitely after the two Parties have notified each other that their constitutional requirements, necessary for entry into force, have been complied with.

Article 6

This Framework Agreement may be amended or modified by mutual consent. It is concluded for an unlimited time unless one of the Parties notifies the other Party in writing, of its intention of terminating it, six months in advance.

In case of termination, the provisions of this Framework Agreement or any other Protocols deriving from it, shall remain applicable for the programs being executed until their completion, except otherwise stipulated by the Parties.



Done at the City of Monrovia, this 8th day of August, A.D. 2007 in two original copies in English and the French languages, both text being equally authentic.

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For the Government of The
Republic of Benin

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For the Government of
the Republic of Liberia

