

AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC,
TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF LIBERIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF BENIN

Article 1

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In this connection, they shall support the activities by concerned ministries, firms, bodies and specialized institutions and shall supply all the regulations in force in the two countries.

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AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN**

Hereinafter referred as "the Contracting Parties"

Desirous to strengthen the bonds of cooperation, friendship and solidarity between the two countries and peoples:

Anxious to promote between the two Peoples, a fruitful and mutually beneficial cooperation policy, based on the ideals of peace and progress of the African Union;

Aware that both countries need to achieve a wide consensus with a view to the economic, scientific, technical and cultural development of their two Peoples.

Hereby agree as follows:

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- b) sending experts, researchers and technicians with a view to supplying their services as consultants within projects of cooperation or determined programmes;
- c) sending or exchanging equipment and materials required for the execution of programmes and technical projects;
- d) any other means agreed by both Parties.

Article 3:

Under this Agreement, the contracting Parties may conclude additional ***agreements*** aimed at implementing the programmes and projects determined in the economic, scientific, technical and cultural fields.

Article 4:

Any information, document and result from the execution of this Agreement shall not be divulged to a third party, without the written consent of the other Party.

Article 5:

The economic cooperation between the two countries in compliance with the laws and regulations in force in each country shall take the following forms:

- execution of economic studies, investment projects;
- establishment of common activities in a third country for the achievement of development projects;
- any other aspect of cooperation suitable to the contracting Parties.

Article 6:

The persons sent to either contracting state in compliance with this Agreement shall be subjected to the laws and regulations applicable in the host-state. These persons shall not be able to exercise in the host country, without authorization by both parties, any activity other than the purpose for which they have been sent.

Article 7:

The contracting Parties may agree to acquire the financing and participation of a third party for the fulfillment of programmes or projects resulting from this Agreement.

Article 8:

The Contracting Parties shall agree to designate the following authorities as Organizations responsible for the implementation and smooth running of this Agreement:

- The Minister charge of Foreign Affairs for the Government of the Republic of Benin,
- The Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs for the Government of the Republic of Liberia.

Article 9:

This agreement shall come into force at the date of its signature by the two Parties.

Article 10:

This Agreement shall be valid for a five-year period, as from its entry into force, renewable by tacit agreement and shall be terminated on the written notice of either contracting Party at least six months before its expiring date.

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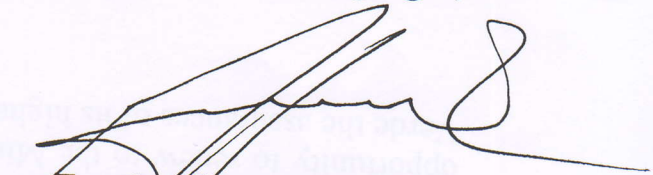
Article 11:

“Any dispute, that may arise with regard to implementation and interpretation of the Agreement shall be resolved amicably through diplomatic channels.”

Termination of the Agreement shall undermine neither the realization of ongoing projects, nor the validity of guarantees already granted in the framework of this Agreement.

Done at the City of Monrovia, Republic of Liberia, 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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Moussa Okoua
For the Government of The
Republic of Benin


For the Government of
the Republic of Liberia