



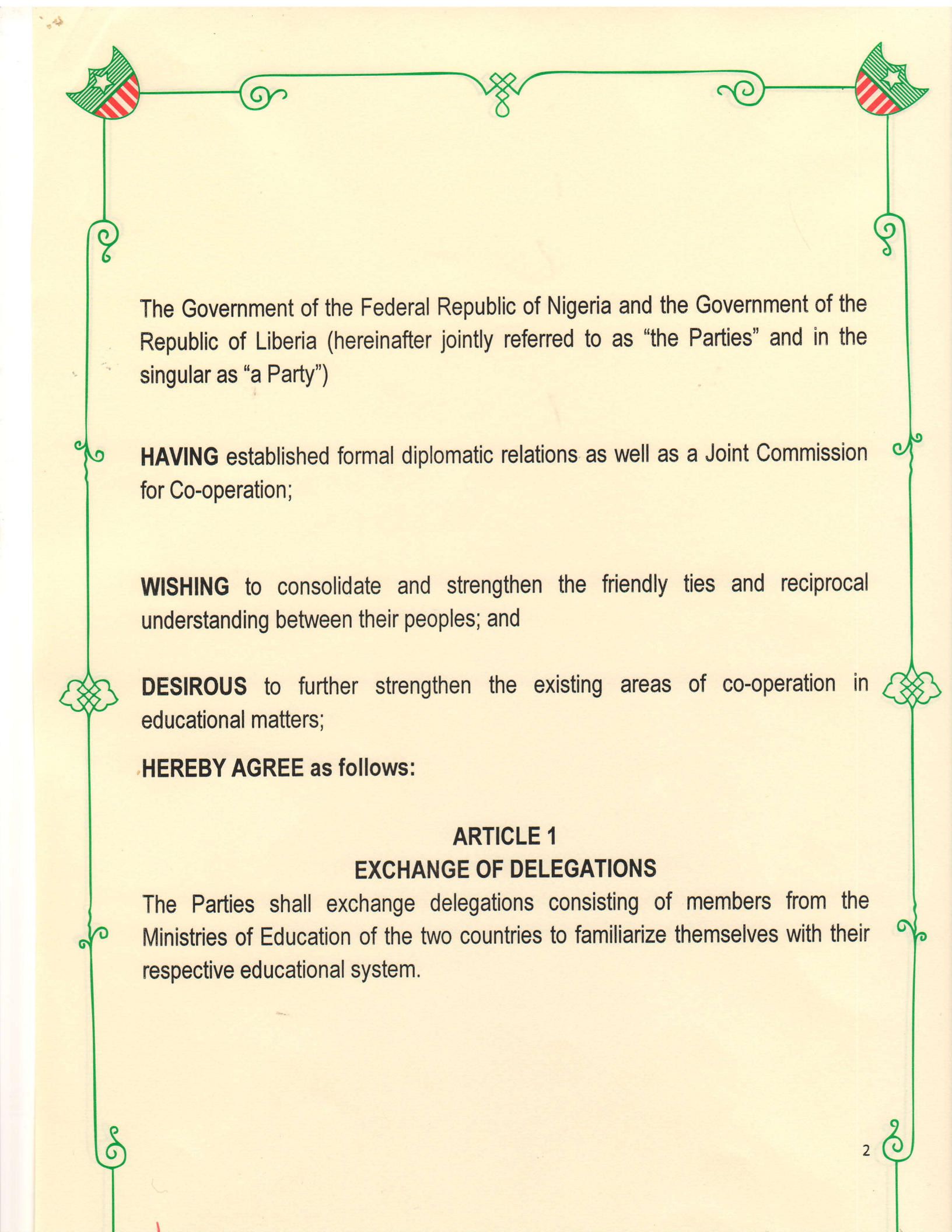
AGREEMENT ON EDUCATIONAL CO-OPERATION

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERALREPUBLIC OF
NIGERIA**

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government of the Republic of Liberia (hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Parties” and in the singular as “a Party”)

HAVING established formal diplomatic relations as well as a Joint Commission for Co-operation;

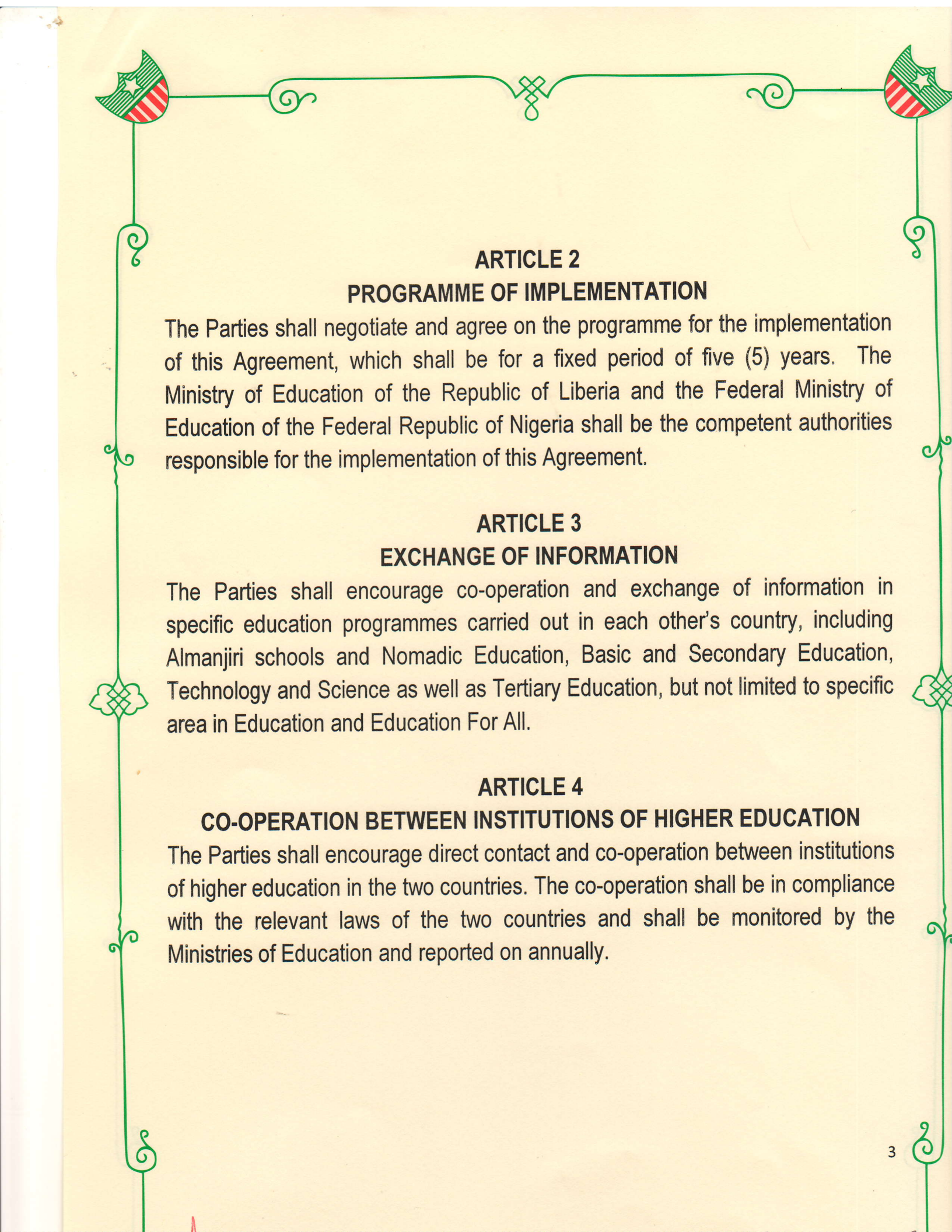
WISHING to consolidate and strengthen the friendly ties and reciprocal understanding between their peoples; and

DESIROUS to further strengthen the existing areas of co-operation in educational matters;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1
EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS

The Parties shall exchange delegations consisting of members from the Ministries of Education of the two countries to familiarize themselves with their respective educational system.



ARTICLE 2
PROGRAMME OF IMPLEMENTATION

The Parties shall negotiate and agree on the programme for the implementation of this Agreement, which shall be for a fixed period of five (5) years. The Ministry of Education of the Republic of Liberia and the Federal Ministry of Education of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be the competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The Parties shall encourage co-operation and exchange of information in specific education programmes carried out in each other's country, including Almanjiri schools and Nomadic Education, Basic and Secondary Education, Technology and Science as well as Tertiary Education, but not limited to specific area in Education and Education For All.

ARTICLE 4
CO-OPERATION BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The Parties shall encourage direct contact and co-operation between institutions of higher education in the two countries. The co-operation shall be in compliance with the relevant laws of the two countries and shall be monitored by the Ministries of Education and reported on annually.



ARTICLE 5

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR UNESCO

The Parties, being Member States of the United Nations Organization, shall encourage co-operation between their respective National Commissions for UNESCO, established in their countries.

ARTICLE 6

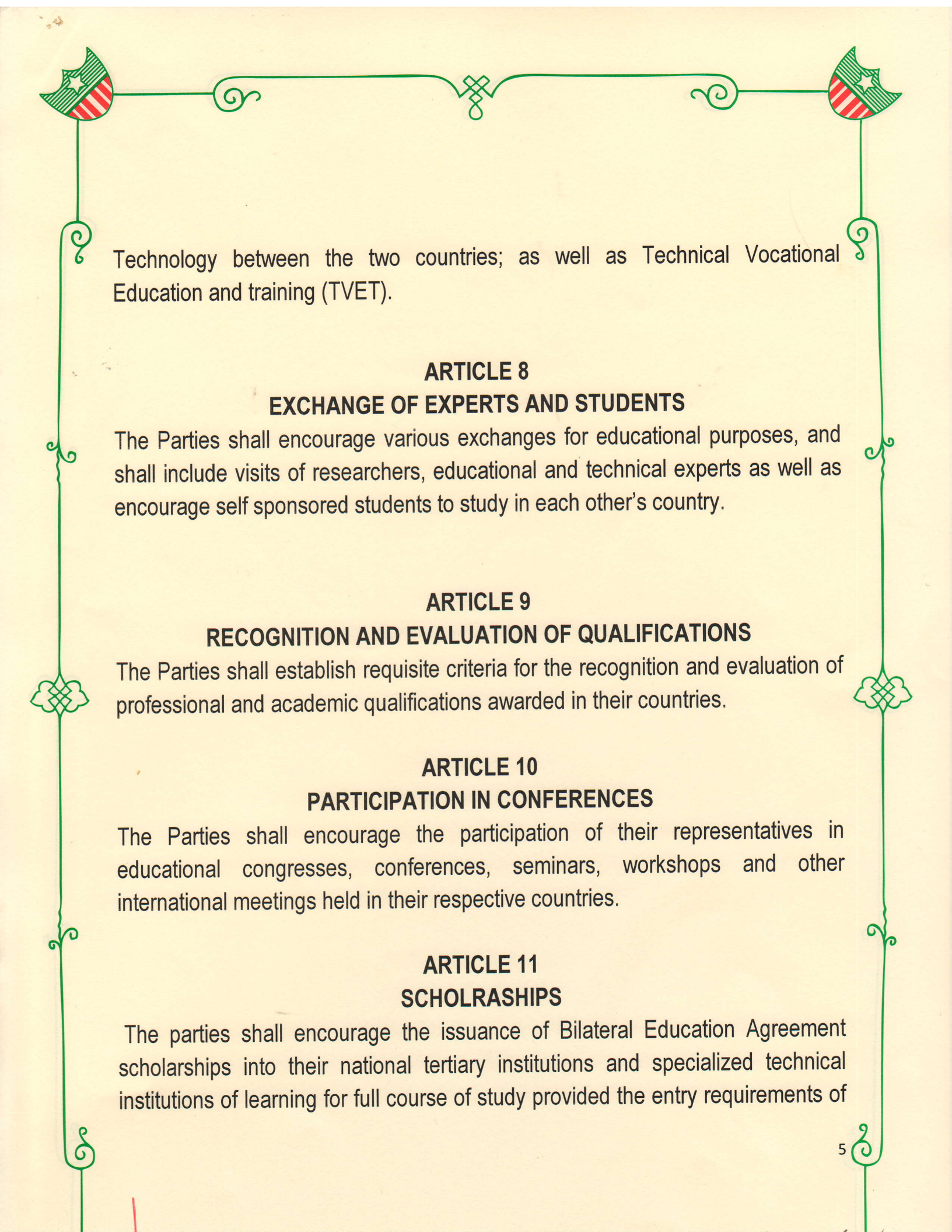
MULTILATERAL CO-OPERATION

The Parties shall encourage exchange of academia and students within the context of multilateral agreements and programmes such as the Conference of Ministers of Education for Africa (COMEDAF), organized under the auspices of the AU, and the MINEDAF Exchange Programme, established under the auspices of UNESCO in accordance with the terms of the Conference of Ministers of Education for African Member States (MINEDAF)

ARTICLE 7

CO-OPERATION ON MOBILITY OF TEACHERS AND REGULATORY BODIES

The parties shall encourage exchange of academia and students in line with migration policies of both countries, to ensure synergy between National, Regional and International bodies on Teacher and Student Regulatory bodies such as International Forum on Teacher Regulatory Authorities (IFTRA) and International Forum on Migration (IFM). The on-going Technical Aid Corps cooperation between Nigeria and Liberia (Exchange of Experts and Teachers) shall continue. There will also be further cooperation on Science and



Technology between the two countries; as well as Technical Vocational Education and training (TVET).

ARTICLE 8
EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS AND STUDENTS

The Parties shall encourage various exchanges for educational purposes, and shall include visits of researchers, educational and technical experts as well as encourage self sponsored students to study in each other's country.

ARTICLE 9
RECOGNITION AND EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS

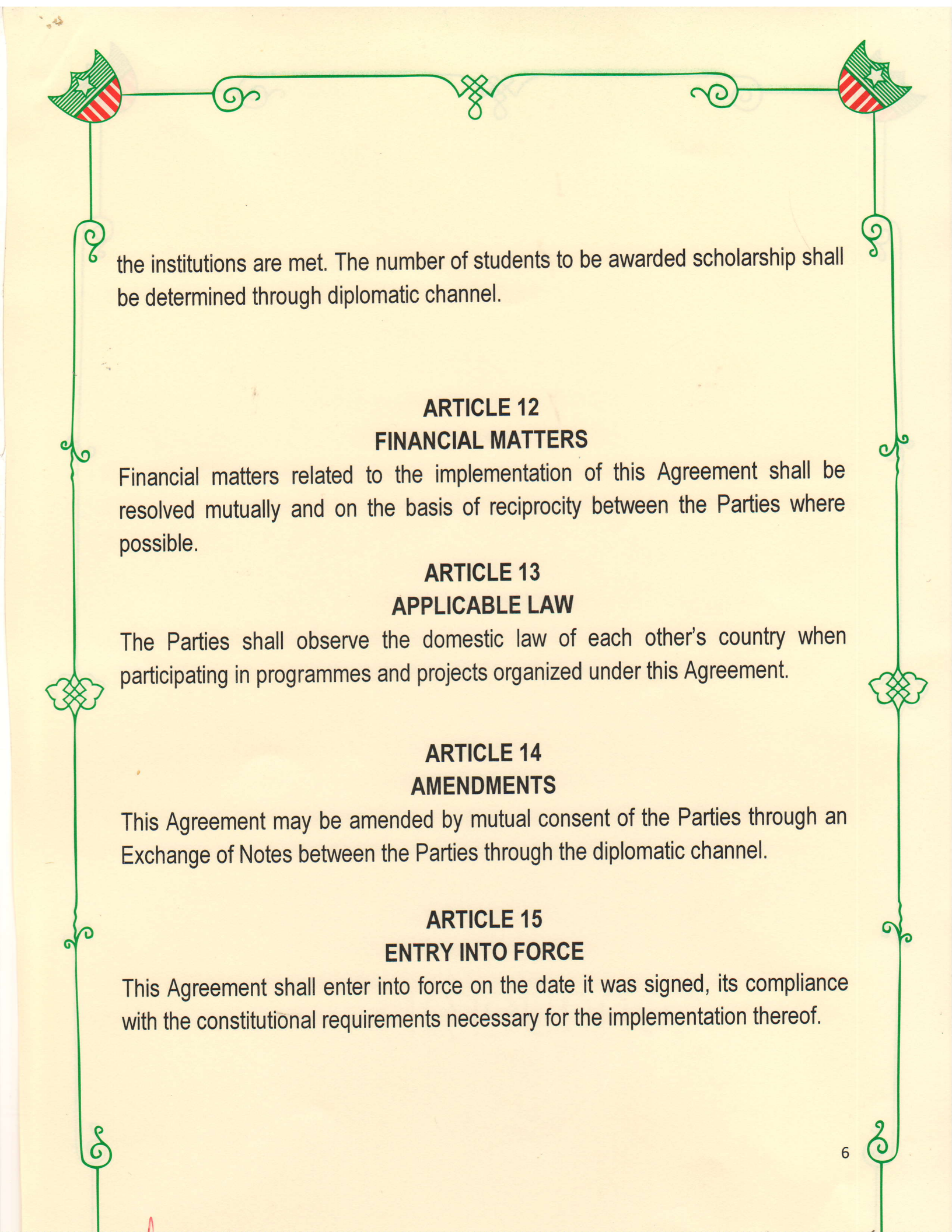
The Parties shall establish requisite criteria for the recognition and evaluation of professional and academic qualifications awarded in their countries.

ARTICLE 10
PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

The Parties shall encourage the participation of their representatives in educational congresses, conferences, seminars, workshops and other international meetings held in their respective countries.

ARTICLE 11
SCHOLRASHIPS

The parties shall encourage the issuance of Bilateral Education Agreement scholarships into their national tertiary institutions and specialized technical institutions of learning for full course of study provided the entry requirements of



the institutions are met. The number of students to be awarded scholarship shall be determined through diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 12
FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial matters related to the implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved mutually and on the basis of reciprocity between the Parties where possible.

ARTICLE 13
APPLICABLE LAW

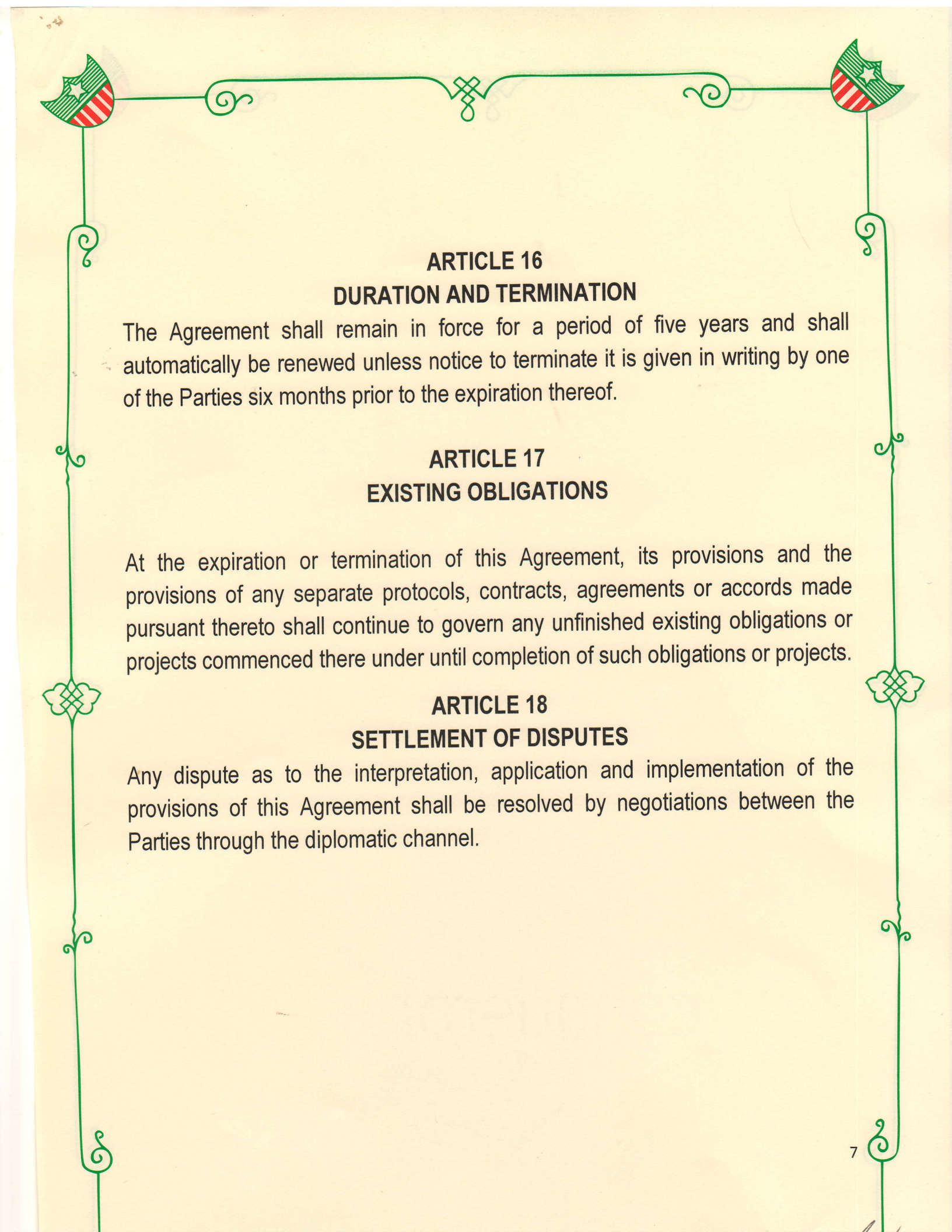
The Parties shall observe the domestic law of each other's country when participating in programmes and projects organized under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 14
AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 15
ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date it was signed, its compliance with the constitutional requirements necessary for the implementation thereof.



ARTICLE 16
DURATION AND TERMINATION

The Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall automatically be renewed unless notice to terminate it is given in writing by one of the Parties six months prior to the expiration thereof.

ARTICLE 17
EXISTING OBLIGATIONS

At the expiration or termination of this Agreement, its provisions and the provisions of any separate protocols, contracts, agreements or accords made pursuant thereto shall continue to govern any unfinished existing obligations or projects commenced there under until completion of such obligations or projects.

ARTICLE 18
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute as to the interpretation, application and implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be resolved by negotiations between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Agreement in two originals in the English Language, both texts being equally authentic.

Done at ABUJA, NIGERIA on this 15th Day of July, 2014.

Signature:

Name: *Dr. Mauddeen - Mohammed*

Designation: *Minister of State II
Foreign Affairs*

For: The Government of the
Federal Republic of Nigeria

Signature:

Name: *Augustine K. Ngafuan*

Designation: *MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS*

For: The Government of the
Republic of Liberia