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The Federal Republic of Cameroon, the Republic of Chad, the Republic of Dahomey, the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of the Ivory Coast, the Republic of Mali, the Republic of Niger, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Republic of Upper Volta,

CONSIDERING their attainment of independence and the need for regulating by new agreement the question of the utilisation of the River Niger, its tributaries and sub-tributaries of which they are the riparian States;

DESIROUS of developing close co-operation for the judicious exploitation of the resources of the River Niger basin as well as to guarantee the freedom of navigation on the River, its tributaries and sub-tributaries and to ensure equality of treatment to those who use it;

CONSIDERING that, in the wake of technical progress, several of the riparian States have already drawn up plans for hydraulic developments such as irrigation, water supply, hydro-electric installations, civil works, soil and river basin improvement, and also plans for dealing with the problems of water pollution, exploitation of fishery resources, the improvement of agricultural practices and industrial development of the basin;

CONSIDERING that the schemes planned in each State are likely to affect the regime of the River and the use of its water by other riparian States;

CONSIDERING the need to establish a joint institution to increase co-operation amongst the States interested in common projects concerned with the basin of

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1966, the date of deposit of the last instrument of ratification, in accordance with article 8. The instruments of ratification were deposited with the Government of Niger on the date indicated :

Niger	26 December 1963
Mali	6 November 1964
Guinea	7 December 1964
Nigeria	7 April 1965
Upper Volta	20 August 1965
Ivory Coast	21 September 1965
Cameroon	24 December 1965
Dahomey	11 January 1966
Chad	1 February 1966

² Adopted at the Conference of the Riparian States of the River Niger, its tributaries and sub-tributaries, held at Niamey from 24 to 26 October 1963.