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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, FINANCIAL, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic,

Desirous of giving to their cooperation new impetus and substance commensurate with the long standing and status of their relations and with their development needs,

Desirous of contributing actively to the cause of peace and cooperation in the region,

Recognizing the usefulness of adopting long-term provisions aimed at establishing lasting and profitable cooperation in the broadest fields, in keeping with their needs and capacities,

Wishing to ensure the consistency and effectiveness thereof,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The two Governments resolve to establish a Joint Commission, under the chairmanship of the two Ministers for Foreign Affairs or, if that is impossible, their representatives.

This Commission shall be responsible for conducting periodic reviews of the status of bilateral relations in all existing fields of cooperation and for proposing guidelines for their future development.

Should the need arise, the Commission may establish temporary special working groups, whose terms of reference it shall determine.

Article 2

The Commission shall not replace existing institutions or procedures in respect of economic, industrial, financial, scientific, technical or cultural cooperation, but may issue recommendations to ensure greater consistency in their respective activities.

Article 3

In particular, the Commission shall ensure that the guidelines established for the development of bilateral relations clearly correspond to the priorities identified by the two Governments, so that the activities undertaken in the field of economic, industrial, financial, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation may be complementary.

¹ Came into force on 13 December 1989 by signature, in accordance with article 9.