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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ CONCERNING A PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF
HIGHER EDUCATION — *NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE PROJECT* — 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, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Desiring to develop Franco-Lao cooperation in the field of higher technical education under the National Polytechnic Institute project and in the spirit of the Agreement on Scientific, Technical and Cultural Cooperation of 29 May 1989,² have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall provide assistance to the National Polytechnic Institute of Vientiane (INP).

Article 2

To that end, the French Party shall, subject to the availability of budgetary resources, provide assistance to the Lao Party by:

- Making five experts available on a long-term basis in the following fields: electricity, mechanical engineering, civil engineering and industrial management and economics;
- Providing a French language laboratory and making French teachers available as the need arises;
- Making experts available on a short-term basis to provide educational support services;
- Securing educational support services from several French specialized *grandes écoles* in the following areas:
- Reference material and documentation;
- Scholarships for study and training courses;
- The organization of conferences and seminars.

Article 3

This cooperation programme may be extended by agreement between the two Parties to cover any question relating to the development of INP:

- The creation of new departments;
- Additional equipment;

¹ Came into force on 14 December 1989 by signature, in accordance with article 13.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1583, No. I-27632.