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AGREEMENT¹ FOR CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA

The Government of France and the Government of Saint Lucia,
Desirous of fostering cooperation for the purpose of promoting the economic and social development of Saint Lucia,
Prompted by a common desire to foster exchanges in the fields of education, culture and science,
Committed to taking the necessary steps to improve the knowledge of their respective languages and cultures,
Concerned with the establishment of a general framework for closer cooperation in the cultural, scientific and technical fields on the basis of equality between both Parties,
Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall cooperate in the areas of economic and social development, research, administrative and technical staff training, under the conditions hereafter outlined. Such conditions may be specified, if and when required, through arrangements pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2

For the purpose of furthering this co-operation, the French Party shall endeavor, as far as possible, and at the request of the Saint Lucian Party, to ensure:

- a) Assistance towards the implementation of Projects, mutually agreed upon for the development of Saint Lucia through funding from the Aid and Co-operation Fund (FAC), the Caisse Centrale de Cooperation Economique (CCCE), or any other specialized French Agency. Assistance shall be geared particularly towards the conduct of studies, the procurement of equipment, the implementation of civil works, and the provision of experts and technicians;
- b) The secondment of teachers, experts, consultants, and researchers. These personnel may be Co-operation Officers or Volunteers under National Service (VSN). Should the Co-operation Officers wish to perform a gainful occupation distinct from that for which they have been recruited by the French Ministry for Co-operation, they should have the prior authorization of both the French Government and the Saint Lucian Government to whom they have been seconded.

¹ Came into force on 2 June 1990, i.e., 30 days after the date of the last of the notifications (of 17 July 1988 and 3 May 1990) by which the Parties had informed each other of the completion of the required procedures, in accordance with article 15.

- c) The organization of academic and specialized training programmes and the award of scholarships;
- d) The establishment of cultural, technical and scientific exchanges.

ARTICLE 3

A Joint Committee shall be established with equal representation from each Party.

The Joint Committee shall meet every other year, the meeting to alternate between France and Saint Lucia. The Joint Committee may also meet whenever it is deemed desirable, by either Party calling for a meeting of the Committee.

The Joint Committee shall lay down the guidelines and procedures for the Co-operation Programme, and review any co-operation projects between both Parties.

ARTICLE 4

The French and Saint Lucian Parties shall seek the best ways of promoting the understanding of their respective cultures at all levels.

ARTICLE 5

The Saint Lucian Party shall seek to encourage the learning of the French Language in Government or privately-run establishments on its territory.

ARTICLE 6

Each Party shall promote the establishment and operation on its own territory, of organizations, cultural centers, educational or research facilities, as so desired by the other Party.

The Parties shall ensure exemption from import duties in respect of any educational, cultural, scientific, technical, or artistic equipment for use by the aforementioned organizations. Exemption will be made applicable to the extent provided in the Parties' respective internal regulations.

ARTICLE 7

The Parties shall, as far as possible, exchange teachers, researchers, cultural and scientific personalities, representatives from cultural, university, extra-university and students' associations. The Parties shall, when appropriate, facilitate the meeting of youth groups from both countries, as well as sports exchanges.