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and
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

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**Accord sur la coopération en matière de télévision numérique
et de télévision à haute définition. Signé à Paris le 5 juillet 1989**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF DIGITAL AND HIGH-DEFINITION TELEVISION

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

Bearing in mind the importance given to developing digital and high-definition television in both countries,

Considering that the adoption by all European and other countries of common production and broadcasting standards for high-definition television, compatible with existing motion-picture and television systems, will promote exchanges in the cultural, scientific, technical and industrial fields, and will have a positive influence on cooperation among peoples,

Recognizing that there are effective ways to develop cooperation in the field of digital and high-definition television,

Referring to the Agreement on cooperation in the field of colour television between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of 22 March 1965,² and referring to the Declaration on the principles of developing and enhancing economic, industrial, scientific and technical cooperation,

Reaffirming their wish to combine efforts to develop digital and high-definition television,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall promote the expansion of scientific, technical and industrial cooperation in the field of digital and high-definition television on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Article 2

Cooperation in the field of digital and high-definition television shall be developed in the following areas:

Perfecting of existing television systems through the introduction of digital techniques for production and reception;

Study of the theoretical and practical problems of standardizing parameters for the high-definition television system, and questions related to broadcasting, including a standard to ensure the easy exchange of programmes by land and by satellite, between all countries and, in particular, between European countries;

¹ Came into force on 5 July 1989 by signature, in accordance with article 9.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1652, No. I-28418.