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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC ON TRANSFRONTIER COOPERATION BETWEEN TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Italian Republic, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties,

Desiring to facilitate the implementation of the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Cooperation between Territorial Communities or Authorities, signed on 21 May 1980² and ratified by France on 23 December 1983³ and by Italy on 19 November 1984³;

Desiring to contribute to the strengthening of traditional ties of transfrontier cooperation as part of the process of European integration;

Aware of the advantages of transfrontier cooperation between territorial communities,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall foster initiatives of territorial communities designed to develop transfrontier cooperation.

Article 2

For the purpose of this Agreement, territorial communities shall mean:

In the case of France: the territorial community of Corsica, the regions, departments and communes adjoining the frontier between the territories of the Contracting Parties, the other communes located in the frontier departments and such groups as may be established by the aforementioned communities.

In the case of Italy: the regions, provinces, communes, mountain communities, and the communal and provincial cooperatives located, at least in part, within the frontier area extending 25 kilometres from the frontier between France and Italy.

Article 3

With due regard for domestic law and for the international commitments of each Contracting Party, as well as for the jurisdiction of territorial communities recognized under domestic law, territorial communities may conclude transfrontier agreements and arrangements in the following fields:

- Urban and regional development;
- Transport and communications;

¹ Came into force on 6 October 1995, the date of receipt of the last of the notifications (of 7 November 1994 and 19 September 1995) by which the Contracting Parties informed each other of the completion of the required internal constitutional procedures, in accordance with article 8.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1272, p. 61.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1497, p. 436.