

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

AND

THE BENIN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

AFRICAN

INTEGRATION, THE FRENCH SPEAKING WORLD

AND THE BENIN CITIZENS ABROAD

The Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs for the Government of the Republic of Liberia, the Benin Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs,

Desirous to promote the relations of friendship, solidarity and cooperation between the two countries on the basis of the principles contained in the Constitutive Act of the African Union and that of the United Nations Charter:

Promoted by the mutual desire to contribute to the development of their economies through cooperation between the two countries:

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

- (1) The implementing authorities of this agreement shall be the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia and the Benin Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Integration, the French Speaking World and the Benin Citizens Abroad,
- (2) The senior officials of the respective implementation bodies shall consult each other regularly as regards issues of common interest related to their bilateral relations as well as international issues,
- (3) These consultations may cover, but shall not be limited to the following areas:
 - (a) issues related to the organization and strengthening of the bilateral cooperation in the political, economic, educational, scientific, agriculture, technical and cultural fields;

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(b) issues on the agenda of international organization of which the Parties are members.



Article 2

- (1) Consultations between senior officials and experts of the Parties shall take place alternately, in Liberia and in Benin, at least once every two years,
- (2) Special consultations may take place any time on the request of any of the Parties or at the level of International organization.
- (3) Each Party shall bear its own cost relative to the consultations in which its delegation will take or has taken part.

Article 3

The diplomatic missions of the parties accredited to other countries as well as their Permanent Missions to the United Nations and the African Union as well as other international organizations, shall increase their contacts, and exchange of views in the areas mentioned in Article 1 of this Agreement.

Article 4

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate cooperation between their research institutes dealing in particular with international relations.

Article 5

The Parties shall exchange publications and relevant documents of their respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

Article 6

The Parties undertake to keep confidential any document or information received or which otherwise comes into its possession in the course of implementation of this Agreement and shall not dispose of such documents or information to any person or party without the prior written consent of the other Party.

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