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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

CONVENTION¹ ON JUDICIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOV-
ERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

The Government of the French Republic and
The Government of the Argentine Republic,

Desiring to promote judicial cooperation and to enhance their relations on the basis of the principles of national sovereignty, equal rights and mutual benefits, have agreed on the following provisions:

Article 1

The two States undertake to cooperate with respect to the recognition and enforcement of judicial and arbitral decisions rendered in civil, commercial and social matters and decisions rendered by criminal courts adjudicating civil suits for damages. Such cooperation shall also include the exchange of information.

CHAPTER I. RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDICIAL
AND ARBITRAL DECISIONS

Article 2

Decisions rendered in one State shall be recognized and may be declared enforceable in the other State on condition that:

1. The decision was rendered by a court which is internationally competent under the law of the requested State.

2. The decision has acquired the force of *res judicata* in the State of origin and is enforceable; however, in matters involving maintenance obligations, the right to custody of a minor or visiting rights, the decision may simply be enforceable in the State of origin.

3. The parties were duly summoned, represented or, if they were declared in default, the document instituting proceedings was duly notified to them and in time to enable them to defend themselves.

4. The decision contains nothing which contravenes the public policy (*ordre public*) of the requested State.

5. No action between the same parties, based on the same facts and having the same object as that in the State of origin has given rise to a decision rendered by the judicial authorities of the requested State on a date prior to that of the decision submitted for enforcement.

6. No action between the same parties, based on the same facts and having the same object as that in the State of origin is the subject of a process before the judicial

¹ Came into force on 1 November 1992, i.e., the first day of the second month following the date of receipt of the last of the notifications (of 26 June and 28 September 1992) by which the Contracting Parties had informed each other of the completion of the required procedures, in accordance with article 12.