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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

BASIC AGREEMENT¹ ON ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND SOCIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BURKINA FASO

The Federal Government of Austria, on the one hand, and the Government of Burkina Faso on the other,

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations existing between the Republic of Austria and Burkina Faso,

Desiring to establish the framework and modalities of implementation for a cooperation programme between the two countries, in accordance with the economic and social development objectives of Burkina Faso,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

(1) The Contracting Parties agree to promote, to the best of their ability, the economic, social, cultural, scientific and technical development of Burkina Faso.

(2) Under the terms of this Agreement, the Federal Government of Austria shall provide economic and technical assistance to the Government of Burkina Faso. The various projects to benefit from such assistance shall be the subject of separate agreements.

(3) The economic and technical assistance granted by the Federal Government of Austria in accordance with paragraph 2 may be provided in the following forms:

1. Secondment of Austrian experts;
2. Assistance in training Burkina Faso experts in Burkina Faso and/or in Austria;
3. Provision of materials for project implementation;
4. Financial contribution to project execution.

(4) Assistance in the training of Burkina Faso experts in accordance with paragraph 3 (2) of this article may be provided in the form of:

1. Fellowships;
2. Invitations to participate in special courses organized in Austria for nationals of developing countries;
3. Assistance in establishing and developing training centres in Burkina Faso.

(5) Fellowships and internships shall be awarded according to fixed rules, of which Burkina Faso shall be informed through the diplomatic channel.

¹ Came into force on 1 March 1993, i.e., the first day of the third month following the date on which the Parties had informed each other (on 13 March and 9 December 1992) of the completion of the required internal procedures, in accordance with article 10 (1).

Article 2

(1) The Federal Government of Austria shall enter into contracts under private law with Austrian experts, for the duration of their secondment to Burkina Faso, prohibiting them from engaging in any other gainful activity and requiring them to observe the laws of Burkina Faso and especially to refrain from any political activity concerning the internal affairs of Burkina Faso.

(2) The duties of the experts within the projects to which they are assigned shall be defined in the separate agreements provided for in article 1, paragraph 2.

(3) The Contracting Parties shall refrain from using the Austrian experts for any services other than those inherent in their agreed duties. The Burkina Faso Party may nevertheless assign any Austrian expert to missions other than those agreed, subject to the latter's agreement and on condition that the Austrian Party gives its consent.

Article 3

Within the context of the secondment of Austrian experts the Austrian Party shall assume the following costs:

1. Salaries and other emoluments, social security benefits and insurance;
2. Round-trip travel between Austria and Burkina Faso for the experts and the members of their families;
3. Round-trip shipment between Austria and Burkina Faso for the personal effects and any necessary professional equipment belonging to the Austrian experts and their families;
4. Accommodation for the Austrian experts and their families;
5. Vacation travel within Burkina Faso or abroad, unless it is the responsibility of the Austrian expert.

Article 4

Within the context of this Agreement and of the payments that fall within its area of responsibility, the Burkina Faso Party:

1. Shall cover the costs of official travel undertaken by Austrian experts within Burkina Faso on the instructions or with the consent of the Burkina Faso authorities in accordance with the provisions of article 2, paragraph 3.
2. The cost of shipping, within Burkina Faso, equipment intended for the professional use of the experts in connection with the implementation of cooperation projects shall be borne by the projects according to the rules set forth in the separate agreements referred to in article 1, paragraph 2.
3. With the exception of foodstuffs and beverages, the personal effects or items for personal use, as well as the professional equipment belonging to and brought in by Austrian experts upon their initial installation, shall be covered by the regulations pertaining to temporary duty-free and tax-free admission upon entry into Burkina Faso. The entry of these items and materials and the arrival of their owner should be simultaneous. However, the customs service shall consider this condition met if the time that elapses between the two events does not exceed six (6) months.