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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN FRANCE AND ROMANIA CONCERNING ASSISTANCE TO ABANDONED, ORPHANED AND HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

The Government of the French Republic, represented by Mr. Bernard Kouchner, Secretary of State to the Prime Minister responsible for Humanitarian Affairs, and the Government of Romania, represented by Mrs. Rodica Munteanu, Secretary of State for the Handicapped, and Mrs. Zugravescu, Executive Secretary of the Council for the Support of Institutions for the Protection of Children which is presided over by Mr. Petre Roman, Prime Minister, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Considering the situation of abandoned, orphaned and handicapped Romanian children;

Wishing to establish the framework for cooperation to permit the implementation of the decision of the French Government to promote better living conditions for such children;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The purpose of this Convention is to establish the framework for cooperation between the Parties, which could include the participation of French non-governmental organizations, with a view to contributing to the care and education of abandoned, orphaned and handicapped Romanian children and to any other humanitarian activities on behalf of children.

Article 2

The list of Romanian institutions which are eligible to receive French humanitarian aid is annexed to this Convention (annex 1). This list may be modified by an exchange of letters by agreement between the Parties.

Article 3

The list of French non-governmental organizations which may participate in humanitarian activities organized by the Parties under the terms of article 5 is annexed to this Convention (annex 2). This list may be modified by an exchange of letters by agreement between the Parties.

Article 4

The Romanian Government agrees to grant French non-governmental organizations special privileges in the territory of Romania. The list of those privileges is annexed to this Convention (annex 3) and is referred to in a document submitted by the Romanian Party, at the suggestion of the French Embassy, regarding volunteers of the non-governmental organizations mentioned in this Convention.

¹ Came into force on 12 February 1992, the date of receipt of the last of the notifications (of 22 March 1991 and 11 February 1992) by which the Parties informed each other of the completion of the required constitutional formalities, in accordance with article 9.

Article 5

In accordance with French legislation, the French Party, together with the French non-governmental organizations, shall contribute, for the care and education of abandoned, orphaned and handicapped Romanian children and any other humanitarian activities on behalf of children:

1. Humanitarian aid, including aid in the form of construction works, supplies of equipment, fuel, clothing, food, medicines and the dispatch of volunteers.
2. Technical advice for various specific activities organized by the Romanian Party under this Convention.

The non-governmental organizations whose names appear on the list annexed to this Convention (annex 2) and which are prepared to contribute to the joint efforts of the Parties may participate in the provision of such aid and advice.

Article 6

The Romanian Party undertakes to provide the following facilities and resources:

- Specialized Romanian staff
- Means of transportation
- Storage sites and buildings

Article 7

A Franco-Romanian joint evaluation and coordination commission shall be established. It shall be comprised of twelve experts, six from each Party. Representatives of French non-governmental organizations approved by the two Parties, totalling six in all, may also participate in the work of this commission.

The commission shall operate out of appropriate premises made available to it by the Romanian Party.

This commission shall have the following functions, within the limits of the budgetary provisions in force:

- Evaluate the situation in the field and the activities carried out by the various French and Romanian participants,
- Recommend the action to be taken and the means to be employed to achieve the objectives set,
- Ensure the coordination of all activities undertaken.

Article 8

In order to achieve the objectives of this Convention, Franco-Romanian steering committees shall, if necessary, be established by specific agreement between the non-governmental organizations operating in each Romanian *département* concerned and the competent administrative authority in that *département*. A specific steering committee shall be established for Bucharest.

Article 9

Each Party shall notify the other when it has completed the constitutional formalities required for the entry into force of this Convention. The Convention shall

enter into force on the date of receipt of the last such notification. It shall be valid for a period of one year, which shall be renewable. Either Party may terminate the Convention by notification, with one month's notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the signatories being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Convention.

DONE at Bucharest on 7 November 1990, in duplicate, in the French and Romanian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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of the French Republic:
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of Romania:
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ZUGRAVESCU