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**FRANCE
and
VANUATU**

Agreement concerning the development of regional cooperation with New Caledonia. Signed at Port-Vila on 19 November 1993

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Accord relatif au développement de la coopération régionale avec la Nouvelle-Calédonie. Signé à Port-Vila le 19 novembre 1993

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH
REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF VANUATU CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF RE-
GIONAL COOPERATION WITH NEW CALEDONIA

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”,

Desiring to strengthen the bonds of friendship and develop cooperation between the Republic of Vanuatu, the Territory of New Caledonia and the Nord, Sud Iles Loyauté provinces,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties solemnly declare their intention to pursue and intensify by all appropriate means their cooperation in the fields mentioned below, within the scope of their competence.

Article 2

The Parties hereby decide to develop their cooperation in the field of education, *inter alia*, through training activities and exchanges of teaching and administrative personnel, and in the areas of pedagogical research and early-learning activities.

Article 3

The Parties shall encourage the training of sports personnel and athletes and assistance with sporting equipment with a view to furthering the development of sports and intensifying cooperation in this field.

Article 4

The Parties hereby agree to conduct exchanges for the purpose of vocational training, particularly for personnel in the public utilities.

Article 5

For the purposes of strengthening their relations in the field of health, the Parties shall promote training and exchanges of health workers, and provide assistance with the maintenance of medical equipment and during evacuations for health reasons.

Article 6

The Parties desire to promote the development of their trade with one another, particularly of agricultural products. To that end, they shall make every effort to improve the dissemination of information on economic activities and actors.

Article 7

A Cooperation Commission shall be established between Vanuatu and New Caledonia; its members shall be appointed by the Parties.

¹ Came into force on 19 November 1993 by signature, in accordance with article 12.



The Commission shall ensure respect for the principles and pursuit of the objectives laid down by this Agreement. It shall study the modalities of cooperation between the Parties and examine all projects likely to strengthen such cooperation and the resources allocated for their implementation.

Article 8

The Commission shall meet at least once a year alternately in New Caledonia and in Vanuatu.

The meeting shall be presided over by the Party hosting it.

Article 9

While respecting the principles laid down in this Agreement, the Commission may propose to the Parties that they should develop their cooperation in areas not specifically mentioned herein.

Article 10

The work of the Commission shall be prepared by technical committees composed of representatives appointed by the Parties. The technical committees shall meet as needed and shall ensure the follow-up and control of the actions outlined by the Commission.

Article 11

Every year, the modalities of cooperation in the areas mentioned above shall be set forth in a convention.

Article 12

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

Either Party may at any time denounce this Agreement in writing. The denunciation shall take effect 180 days from the date that notification is received by the other Contracting Party.

DONE at Port-Vila, 19 November 1993.

For the Government
of the French Republic:

J. JACQUES LAFLEUR

President of the Assembly
of Iles Loyauté Province,

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President of the Assembly
of North Province,

[*Illegible — Illisible*]

President of the Assembly
of South Province,

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For the Government
of the Republic of Vanuatu:

CARLOT-KORMAN

