

PROTOCOL OF COLLABORATION

BETWEEN

THE CAMEROON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH**

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**The Ministry of Scientific and Technical Research,
herein after referred to as "MINREST" and**

**The Cameroon Academy of Sciences
herein after referred to as "the ACADEMY".**

- Considering Government Strategic Programme on Science and Technology for Development whose main objective is to "promote in Cameroon the mastery of science and technology to the highest level of international excellence, to encourage mobilization by Cameroonians of the necessary global scientific and technological knowledge for the fight against poverty, the rapid and sustainable improvement of living conditions of the masses and the economic, social and cultural development of the Nation" ;
- Considering the will of the Cameroon Academy of Sciences to contribute to the attainment of the above objective through the promotion and progress of research, support to high level training in technology, defence of science and freedoms of scientists ;
- Considering that MINREST recognises the ACADEMY as being an organ of mobilization of expertise and counselling at the disposal of decision-makers on science and technology at the service of man ;
- Considering that the ACADEMY develops scientific and technological relationships with private and public productive sectors of the national economy ;

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1: This protocol is aimed at laying down the conditions for collaboration between the ACADEMY and MINREST in all fields of scientific and technological research.

Article 2: The collaboration shall especially bear on the following :

- realization of targeted consultancies ;
- joint organization of scientific days, conferences, seminars, courses and workshops on specific or general topical scientific issues ;
- organization of prizes to reward best theses and research works realized by young researchers ;
- granting of competitive scholarships to encourage and motivate students in scientific fields ;

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- setting up and animation of specialized data bases ;
- any other activity likely to contribute to the progress of science and technology in Cameroon.

Article 3 : The ACADEMY hereby undertakes to :

- contribute to meeting the imperatives of excellence expressed in Government Strategic Programme on Science and Technology for Development and, to achieve this,
- eventually submit service proposals for assessment ;
- provide MINREST with any information requested by the latter.

Article 4 : MINREST hereby undertakes to :

- give preference to the ACADEMY for service provision mentioned in article 2 above;
- support the ACADEMY in maintaining its stability and credibility.

Article 5 : For any intervention or service requested by MINREST, both parties hereby agree to provide, on a case by case basis, the reasonable means needed for the implementation of this protocol.

Article 6 : An annual consultation meeting, convened jointly by both parties, shall assess the state of implementation of this protocol. Extraordinary meetings may be requested by one of the parties, on an agenda duly proposed and jointly accepted and adopted to that effect.

Article 7 : This protocol shall be established for a duration of five years, renewable by tacit agreement for a period not exceeding the initial duration.

Article 8 : The terms of this protocol may be amended at the initiative of one of the parties, during an extraordinary meeting duly convened to that effect.

Article 9 : Any misunderstanding resulting from the implementation of this protocol shall be settled amicably, for the interest of both parties.

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Article 10 : This protocol shall be suspended or terminated at the initiative of one of the parties, provided a six (6) months' notice had been given. However, both parties hereby undertake to complete any activity underway at the time of the said notice.

Article 11 : This protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

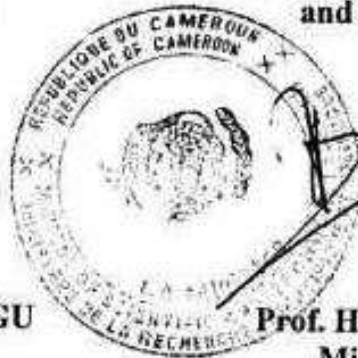
Done at Yaounde, on 4 May 2001

**For the Cameroon
Academy of Sciences**



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and Technical Research**



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