

AGREEMENT

Between

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

And

**THE INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN AND UNIVERSAL AUTHORITY
RULED BY A KING, REPRESENTED IN 197 COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF
KOUROUKANFOUGA, SIGNATORY TO AGREEMENT N°1111**

With the State

Named:

**KINGDOM OF THE WORLD UNION (R.U.M.), CONTINUATION OF THE
MANDINGO EMPIRE**

**The Government of the Republic of Mali, hereinafter referred to as ‘the
Government’, represented by the Minister of Territorial Administration and
Local Authorities of the one part,**

AND

**The universal, sovereign and independent Authority governed by a King,
represented in 197 countries throughout the World, continuity of the great
historical Empires of the 197 countries of representation of the RUM, absolute
constitutional Royalty, signatory of the present Agreement with the State,
hereinafter referred to as: Kingdom of the World Union (R.U.M), represented
by His Majesty Bouyagui KEITA 1st, direct descendant of Soudiata KEITA and
Kankou Moussa KEITA,**

On the other part,

PREAMBLE

* Having regard to Agreement number 1111 of 28 September 2009 signed between the Government of Mali and UMAG;

* Having regard to Article 3 of Agreement No. 1111 of 28 September 2009 signed between the Government of the Republic of Mali and UMAG granting UMAG independence with absolute constitutional monarchy in the Republic, which states: 'UMAG undertakes to intervene in the following areas: agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, transport, education, health, emergency aid, culture, water resources, the environment, the defense of human rights, humanitarian conflict management for peace, job creation, good governance and the fight against poverty, the issue of diplomatic and service passports to senior UMAG figures to ensure and facilitate their travel abroad, support for public security missions, the fight against terrorism and banditry, creation of a central bank for the domiciliation of funds and donations, which establishes a currency called the 'UMAG Dollar' with the acronym 'DU' to provide aid to States, banks, groups, associations, NGOs and others in difficulty, guarantee of diplomatic immunity for the headquarters, governing bodies and senior personalities of UMAG, respect for rights and duties, the normative texts and control of the UMAG's accounts by the UMAG's Court of Justice and Accounts, creation of a central Treasury to centralize all the UMAG's funds, 'the UMAG is a universal, independent and sovereign Authority governed by a King' (see Constitution).

*Having regard to the relevant provisions of Article 26 of Agreement no. 1111 of 28 September

2009 signed between the Government of Mali and the UMAG, which provides that this Agreement will evolve in line with changes in the form and substance of the Basic Agreement

and by virtue of which the following changes are made to Articles 1 and following of this Agreement;

*Having regard to the enthronement of His Majesty Bouyagui KEITA 1st, State Associate in Theology, on 12 January 2010, on the basis of Article 3 of the Agreement which conferred on the UMAG the character of a Universal, Independent and Sovereign Authority, governed by a King whose powers are irrevocably and unassailably recognized by the present Constitution, all things which take the place of legal recognition of the said Constitution;

* Having regard to the letter of accreditation dated 12 January 2010 from His Majesty Bouyagui KEITA, Patrimonial King of RUM, addressed to the Presidency of the Republic of Mali, transmitted by dispatch note number 1113/MAECI-PROT of 16 December 2010, from the Protocol of the Republic, informing the Malian Authorities of the transfer of the Kingdom's seat to the Republic of Mali, in accordance with the Vienna Convention of 18 April 1961 on Diplomatic Relations;

* Having regard to the King's letter of information dated 11 August 2010, addressed to the Minister of Territorial Administration and Local Authorities, relating to the status of royalty conferred on the Kingdom and the change of domicile from Baco-Djicoroni Golfe to the Missabougou district and registered under number 9106/MATCL by virtue of the relevant provisions of the third paragraph, last indent of Article 3 of the aforementioned Agreement (the UMAG is a universal, independent and sovereign Authority governed by a King), all things arising from the postulate that a Kingdom can only be governed by a King;

*Having regard to the principle of continuity of the State, recognized as a constant principle of Administrative Law;

* Considering that the Kingdom of the World Union is a universal, independent, sovereign Authority governed by a King recognized by the United Nations Organization, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the European Union, the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States, the African Development Bank, the Economic and Monetary Community of West Africa, etc.

*Having regard to the Treaty establishing the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) and its subsequent amending texts;

Having regard to Articles 1 et seq. of the WAEMU Regulation of 1 October 2010, pursuant to which no legislation may prohibit the circulation of a foreign currency in a given territory;

*Considering that various information letters relating to the settlement on the Dollar of the Kingdom of the World Union have been sent to the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations, the European Union, the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States, the West African Economic and Monetary Union, the African Development Bank, the Central Banks, the Courts of Commerce, the Chambers of Industry and Commerce of the 197 countries where the RUM is represented throughout the world;

* Anxious to contribute effectively to the economic, social and cultural development of the people of Mali and those of the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world, in accordance with the reference framework adopted by the respective Governments;

* To contribute to building the capacity of development players with a view to accelerating ownership and responsibility for local development, including appropriate technologies;

* Seeking to promote the strengthening of a civil society that participates in the formulation and implementation of decentralization policy in the countries where the RUM is represented throughout the world;

* Anxious to strengthen a partnership that boosts the State's efforts to support communities throughout the world;

* Wishing to adapt the general legal framework of their cooperation to this end;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**PART ONE: CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS****ARTICLE 1:**

The partnership documents record the reciprocal commitments of the parties involved as follows:

The Agreement between the Government of Mali and the countries representing the RUM/Etat-RUM specifies the commitments in principle binding them.

The terms of the intervention agreement are set out in:

a-a Convention, which specifies the commitments between the RUM and the technical departments responsible for implementing sectoral programs. These commitments relate to the administrative, financial and technical clauses for implementing these programs.

b-the ‘Memorandum of Understanding with the Territorial Authority’ which specifies the commitments between the Territorial Authority and the RUM in the implementation of regional, local or communal development programs.

ARTICLE 2:

No country or organization in the world may impose its operating rules or policies on the RUM without its agreement in principle to the implementation of said rules and policies.

The RUM does not join international organizations, but may become an observer in such organizations.

Royalty in the RUM belongs to His Majesty Bouyagui KEITA and his direct descendants. It is eternal and irrevocable.

The land in the capital of Diomba Ouest may not be sold, but may be rented.

The national languages of the Kingdom are the official languages of the Kingdom.

The customs and usages of the Kingdom are the customs and usages of the 197 countries in which the RUM is represented.

Coups d'état, the creation of political parties, rebellion, democracy, freedom of the press, voting and political opposition are prohibited within the Kingdom.

ARTICLE 3:

The RUM is profit-making and may, subject to specific agreement or exemption, engage in profit-making activities for the purpose of sharing profits.

PART TWO: COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES CHAPTER II

A- COMMITMENTS OF THE RUM SIGNATORY TO THIS AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTING THE RUM

ARTICLE 4:

The RUM undertakes, in accordance with the economic, social and cultural development policy of the Republic of Mali, of the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world and with this Agreement, to intervene in the zones and areas listed below through concrete humanitarian and/or development actions.

ZONES

- Throughout the territory of Mali and in the countries where the RUM is represented throughout the world;

FIELDS AND MEANS OF ACTION:

- Agriculture, Livestock, Fishing, Transport, Education, Health, Emergency Aid, Culture, Hydraulics, A.G.R, Environment, I.E.C, Defense of Human Rights, Humanitarian Conflict Management for Peace, Job Creation, Good Governance and the Fight against Poverty, General Trade, Industry, Crafts, Human Resources;

- Issuing identity and service cards, diplomatic and service passports and other documents to the Kingdom's leading figures to enable them to travel abroad;

- Support for public security missions, the fight against terrorism and banditry;

Creation of a central bank (BCR) for the domiciliation of funds, deposits and banking transactions; the said bank issues, in accordance with the Breton Woods Accords signed in July 1944 in New Hampshire (United States of America) on the establishment of a new international monetary system based on the convertibility of

currencies, the stability of exchange rates and free trade, an international currency known as the Dollar of the Kingdom of the World Union (DRUM), used as a means of payment, exchange and banking transactions, to provide aid to States, banks, groups, associations, NGOs and others in difficulty; to serve as a guarantee for banks, States, associations, NGOs and others throughout the world; to serve as a means of payment, exchange and banking transactions. N.G and others in difficulty; to serve as a means of guarantee for banks and States throughout the world;

- Opening of accounts in the currency of the dollar of the Kingdom of the World Union in all the countries where the RUM is represented throughout the world; the said dollar is guaranteed to the value of 10,000 tons of 24-carat gold;

- Creation of the International Parliament of the RUM in the countries where the RUM is represented throughout the world;

- Creation of a stock exchange in the countries where the RUM is represented throughout the world;

- Guarantee of diplomatic immunity for the headquarters (capital of the RUM), the Kingdom's diplomatic and consular representations, the Kingdom's governing bodies and senior personalities, members of the royal family (king, princes, princesses, queens), in accordance with the two Vienna Conventions on diplomatic and consular relations;

- Creation of a Court of Auditors (CCR) and an International Court of Justice of the Kingdom (CIRJR), to ensure respect for the rights and duties, the normative texts and the auditing of the RUM's accounts and to examine complaints from members of the RUM and other complaints from Malian citizens or other citizens of the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world;

- Creation of a Defense and Security Council (CSDR) to combat terrorism, banditry, transnational organized crime throughout the world and the violation of diplomatic premises. In this respect, the security forces

- and RUM Defense Forces, dressed in RUM military uniforms, were put to work to achieve this;

- Creation of a Central Treasury (TCR) to centralize all the Kingdom's funds worldwide;
- Creation of an International Economic Monetary Fund (FMEIR) which issues special drawing rights to support States and banks in difficulty throughout the world;
- Implementation of international public and private law standards in the countries where the RUM is represented throughout the world;
- Creation of prisons for the execution of prison sentences in the countries where the RUM is represented throughout the world;
- Creation and construction of the capital of the RUM, located in Diomba, called Mandé Ouest, Commune de Guidimakan Keri Kaffo, with a surface area of 365 Km², unassailable, untouchable and irrevocable, whose subsoil resources belong to the RUM and which is made up of 12 administrative regions, 12 cercles, 12 Arrondissements and 12 communes, comparable to the Vatican City or the Principality of Monaco;
- Partnership and collaboration with Malian civil servants and those of the RUM's representative countries throughout the world through their employment within the RUM;
- Recognition of the Kingdom of the World Union as a universal, independent and sovereign Authority governed by a King in all countries where the RUM is represented throughout the world (see Constitution).

ARTICLE 5:

The RUM undertakes to inform the Malian Government and the Government of the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world of the programs, projects and activities that it carries out In the Republic of Mali and in the other countries where RUM is represented throughout the world.

ARTICLE 6:

The RUM undertakes to submit to the Government, whenever necessary, updates on the said programs, projects and activities, implemented in Mali and in the countries where the RUM is represented throughout the world.

ARTICLE 7:

The RUM undertakes to provide the Directorate General of Customs with an exhaustive and quantified list of materials and equipment (including computer equipment) to be imported as part of each project or program that it carries out in Mali and in the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world.

ARTICLE 8:

The RUM undertakes to recruit national staff on a preferential basis as part of the implementation of its programs and is required to apply the labor and social legislation in force in Mali and in the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world.

ARTICLE 9:

The RUM undertakes to work only within the strict framework of its mission and in compliance with the clauses set out in this Agreement, signed with Mali and the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world.

ARTICLE 10:

RUM expatriate staff arriving in Mali will be subject to the regulations relating to the conditions of entry and residence of foreigners in Mali and in the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world.

ARTICLE 11:

The RUM undertakes to participate in meetings to which it is invited in writing within a suitable period of time.

ARTICLE 12:

The RUM undertakes to inform the Malian administration and those of the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world of the movement of its personnel within their respective countries.

ARTICLE 13:

The RUM undertakes to provide the State of Mali and the countries represented by the RUM throughout the world with substantial financial support to enable them to:

- considerably equip the Defense and Security Forces of Mali and the RUM's representative countries, to enable them to face up to the fight against terrorism, banditry and transnational organized crime;
- create jobs to combat youth unemployment;
- use the RUM dollar to guarantee the national currency of Mali and the RUM's representative countries, if necessary;
- pay civil servants in Mali and the RUM's representative countries;
- to carry out socio-economic development projects
- carry out all other development infrastructures for the benefit of the people of Mali and the countries represented by the RUM throughout the world.

ARTICLE 14:

The RUM undertakes to support the public security missions of Mali and the countries represented by the RUM throughout the world, through the Defense and Security forces of the RUM Defense and Security Council.

B- COMMITMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT

ARTICLE 15:

The Government of Mali and the countries representing the RUM throughout the world undertake to respect and observe the Constitution, the administrative acts, the normative texts of the RUM, the content of the relevant provisions of Article 3 of this Agreement, the Judgements and Decrees handed down by the Courts of Account and International Justice of the RUM.

ARTICLE 16:

The Government of Mali and all countries representing the RUM throughout the world undertake to accept the RUM dollar as a foreign currency convertible into other foreign currencies (Dollar, Euro, Pound Sterling and others). In this respect, the RUM dollar is used as a means of payment, exchange, banking transactions and all other banking and commercial operations and is used to open accounts in the currency of the Dollar of the Kingdom of the World Union.

ARTICLE 17:

The Government of Mali and the countries representing the RUM throughout the world undertake, by virtue of the public utility missions devolved upon the RUM, to ensure free of charge the security of the King, members of his family, institutions, diplomatic and consular missions, other governing bodies and the property of the RUM.

ARTICLE 18:

The Government of Mali and the countries representing the RUM throughout the world undertake to second their civil servants to the RUM whenever it so requests, with a view to supporting it in the implementation of the objectives and means of action referred to in Article 3 above.

ARTICLE 19:

The Government of Mali and the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world undertake to recognize the institutions of the RUM and to create collaboration between them and similar governmental institutions.

In this respect, they undertake to recognize the decisions, judgements and rulings handed down by the Court of Audit and the Kingdom's International Court of Justice when these are referred to by members of the RUM or by citizens of the countries representing the RUM.

ARTICLE 20:

The Government of Mali and the countries representing the RUM throughout the world undertake to recognize the Defense and Security Forces of the RUM through close collaboration with them and acceptance of the wearing of uniform by its members.

ARTICLE 21:

With a view to the proper implementation of the RUM's development programs, the Government of Mali and the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world will facilitate, through Local Authorities, Public Administrative Establishments (EPA) or Technical Departments:

- contacts with local populations and technical services;

-access to all useful information and documentation, in particular that relating to national sectoral development programs, decentralized programs of local authorities and those of EPAs.

ARTICLE 22:

The Government of Mali and the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world will provide all the assistance that the RUM's staff may necessarily need to fulfil its mission satisfactorily and will grant it aid and protection. They will keep the RUM informed of any issues that may arise from the presence of its expatriate staff in the Republic of Mali.

ARTICLE 23:

The Government of Mali and the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world will grant the RUM's expatriate personnel administrative facilities for the issue of visas, in accordance with the provisions in force in their respective countries.

RTICLE 24:

The Government of Mali and the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world undertake to create a framework of partnership with the RUM and to support it in its mission of humanitarian support and development.

As part of this partnership, they undertake to invite the RUM to a special consultation meeting whenever necessary.

ARTICLE 25:

The Government of Mali and the countries in which the RUM is represented throughout the world undertake to grant the following advantages to the RUM on presentation of a valid application for customs exemption to the Minister of Finance:

a) Exemption from Customs Duty (DD) and Value Added Tax (VAT) payable at the customs cordon on materials, supplies, equipment and technical materials intended to be fully and permanently incorporated into the works to be carried out as part of the implementation of the projects it finances in Mali.

Other duties, taxes, levies and fees not referred to above remain payable in full. This exemption also applies to

- office furniture and heavy goods vehicles used in the operation of the RUM.
- goods donated by the RUM to its partners.

b) Exemption from Customs Duty (CD) and Value Added Tax (VAT) payable on personal effects and objects, excluding motor vehicles, imported by expatriate staff responsible for carrying out the various contracts as well as those of members of their families accompanying them or coming to join them and having to share their residence, provided that these effects and objects are in use

in use;

c) Temporary Admission (TA) for commercial vehicles, heavy goods vehicles and motorbikes imported on behalf of the RUM for the purposes of the projects it finances in Mali. This regime is also granted for the duration of the works to technical and professional equipment required for the execution of the program to be carried out and intended to be re-exported at the end of the works.

d) Temporary Importation (IT) for passenger vehicles and motorbikes imported by expatriates working for the RUM. The period of validity of this regime may not exceed that stipulated in the employment contract signed between the

RUM signatory to this Agreement with the State and the said employee.

Customs Duty (DD) and Value Added Tax (VAT) liquidated under these two regimes are suspended for the duration of the said regimes. The other duties, taxes, levies and fees not referred to above remain payable in full. The exemption referred to in points a) and b) above does not apply to:

- fuels and lubricants;
- spare parts, tyres and maintenance tools for vehicles;
- household appliances and foodstuffs;
- other goods not expressly mentioned in points a) and b) above.

ARTICLE 26:

In terms of taxation, the Government of Mali and the countries of representation of the RUM throughout the world undertake to grant to the RUM, upon presentation of a compliant file of request for tax exemption formulated by the RUM and filed with the competent Minister, the exemption from taxes, duties and taxes, on salaries, allowances and other remuneration in cash or in kind allocated by the RUM to its expatriate staff, with the exception of the Housing Tax (TL).

Taxes, duties and taxes on remuneration allocated to its staff of Malian nationality and foreign nationality recruited in Mali and in the countries of representation of the RUM throughout the world are due under the conditions of common law.

ARTICLE 27:

In terms of social protection, the RUM is subject to the regulations in force in the Republic of Mali and in the countries of representation of the RUM throughout the world, with regard to the payment of social contributions for its national staff and may optionally extend this coverage to its expatriate staff.

PART THREE: TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**ARTICLE 28:**

In the event of a change in the zones and domains listed in Article 3, the RUM shall send a letter to the Government of Mali and the countries of representation of the RUM in which said changes are specified.

ARTICLE 29:

Any dispute between the Government of Mali and the countries of representation of the RUM throughout the world and the RUM, relating to the interpretation, application of this Agreement, if it is not settled amicably, must be settled by negotiation.

ARTICLE 30:

This Agreement is irrevocable.

ARTICLE 31:

This Agreement, which repeals all previous provisions to the contrary, shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

Done in Bamako, on 28 August 2010

**For the Government of the Republic of Mali
The Minister of Territorial Administration and
Local Authorities**

**Division General
Kafougouna KONE
Grand Officer of the National Order**

**For the Kingdom of the World Union
His Majesty King Bouyagui KEITA 1st
State Associate in Theology
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**Signed by Mr. Baber TRAORE
Certified translator and interpreter**