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BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST  
REPUBLICS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA  
ON THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION AND EQUIVALENCE OF  
EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS AND SCIENTIFIC DEGREES

For the purpose of future development and strengthening of the friendly relations and co-operation between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic of Ghana in the fields of education, culture, science and technology.

With the aim of establishing standards of mutual recognition of educational documents and academic degrees, accepted in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and in the Republic of Ghana, the two Parties agreed on the following:

Article 1

The Secondary (General Education) School-leaving Certificate issued in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) issued by the West African Examinations Council on behalf of the Republic of Ghana - with confirmation of passing examinations in not less than three subjects at the Advanced Level and in not less than five subjects at the Ordinary Level are equivalent and give the right for admission to Universities and other educational institutions of both countries.

In cases when these documents in one of the two countries give the right for admission to higher educational institutions, in conformity with the stated type of training received, in the other country these documents also give the right for admission to the higher educational institutions of the appropriate type.

Article 2

The Degree of Bachelor of Science (Arts) awarded by the Universities and other higher educational institutions of the Republic of Ghana grants the right to further education in higher educational institutions of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to obtain a degree, equivalent to that of Master of Science (Arts), on the basis of an individual training programme for a period up to two years.

Article 3

Diplomas of graduation from Universities and other higher educational institutions issued in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Diplomas issued in the Republic of Ghana on graduation from Universities and testifying to the award of the academic degree of Master of Science/Arts - Master's Degree - are equivalent and give their holders the right for admission to postgraduate forms of education.

With regard to employment these Diplomas are recognised in both countries in conformity with the qualifications indicated in the Diplomas.

The rules governing independent professional practice in the country where such practice is desired shall be respected.

Article 4

Diplomas of completing Medical institutes or Medical faculties of Universities, awarded in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics testifying to the award of the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Diplomas awarded by Medical Schools of Universities of the Republic of Ghana and testifying to the award of the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, give their holders, in accordance with article 3 of the Protocol, the right for independent Medical practice.

Article 5

The scientific degree of Candidate of Science awarded in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the scientific degree of Doctor of Philosophy awarded in the Republic of Ghana are equivalent.

Article 6

The two Parties will inform each other of the changes in their systems of education and of the changes of names for educational documents and regulations for awarding and issuing these documents.

This Protocol comes into force on the day of its signing.

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each in English and Russian languages, both texts being  
equally authentic.

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