

No. 2

LEAGUE OF NATIONS and UNITED NATIONS

**Agreement concerning the execution of the transfer to the
United Nations of certain assets of the League of Nations.
Signed at Geneva, on 19 July 1946**

*French and English official texts communicated by the Secretary-General
of the United Nations. The filing and recording took place on 14
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**SOCIÉTÉ DES NATIONS et ORGANISATION
DES NATIONS UNIES**

**Accord concernant l'exécution du transfert de certains avoirs
de la Société des Nations à l'Organisation des Nations
Unies. Signé à Genève, le 19 juillet 1946**

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No. 2. AGREEMENT¹ CONCERNING THE EXECUTION OF THE TRANSFER TO THE UNITED NATIONS OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, SIGNED AT GENEVA ON 19 JULY 1946

Whereas the General Assembly of the United Nations, by a resolution adopted on 12 February 1946, and the Assembly of the League of Nations, by a resolution adopted on 18 April 1946, respectively approved the Common Plan for the transfer to the United Nations of certain assets of the League of Nations, on the financial conditions mentioned in the aforesaid Plan,

The League of Nations, represented by Mr. Sean Lester, Secretary-General, and the United Nations, represented by M. Włodzimierz Moderow, Director, representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations at Geneva, have concluded the present Agreement for the purpose of determining the details of the transfer of the ownership of the assets in question, apart from the financial conditions mentioned in the Common Plan.

Article 1

The transfer of rights in respect of immovable property shall relate to the following items:

1. All transferable rights which, in virtue of the Agreement concluded on 26 March 1929 between the Swiss Confederation and the League of Nations, the latter possesses over the Ariana site and the buildings erected by it on that site;

2. The rights possessed by the League of Nations in respect of the Sécheron property, as defined in the Agreement of 26 March 1929, referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. The full ownership enjoyed by the League of Nations in properties situated in Geneva and at Pregny, with an area of 203,446 square metres, consisting of various plots of land with four villas and their outbuildings;

4. The following rights:

(a) The servitudes constituted in favour of the League of Nations in the Bill of Sale dated 14 June 1938, by which the Latvian Government acquired a property situated in the Commune of Geneva (Petit-Sacconnex district), and the right of pre-emption reserved to the League of Nations;

¹ Came into force 19 July 1946.

(b) The servitudes constituted in favour of the League of Nations in the Bill of Sale dated 7 March 1940, concluded between the *Société immobilière de la Place des Nations* and the League of Nations, and the right of purchase reserved to the League of Nations.

Article 2

The transfer of rights in respect of movable property shall relate to the following items:

(a) The fittings, furniture, office equipment and books and the stock of supplies which are in the aforementioned premises and which are the property of the League of Nations;

(b) The books and collections of the Library;

(c) The fitting, furniture, office equipment and books and the stock of supplies for the use of the Permanent Court of International Justice which are the property of the League of Nations;

(d) The fittings, furniture, office equipment and books and the stock of supplies which are or were in the branch offices of the League of Nations and which have remained the property of the League of Nations;

(e) Any fittings, furniture, office equipment, books and stock of supplies which would become the property of the League of Nations in consequence of the dissolution of organizations or institutes subsidiary thereto;

(f) The stocks of supplies held by suppliers, which are the property of the League of Nations;

(g) The archives of the League of Nations and of the Permanent Court of International Justice;

(h) All other corporeal property belonging to the League of Nations.

Article 3

It is understood that gifts presented to the League of Nations by Governments, public bodies or private individuals, whether they have become part of the buildings or whether they have retained the character of movable property, shall be transferred to the United Nations on the same terms as those on which the said gifts were presented.

Article 4

It is recalled that, in accordance with the terms of the Common Plan:

(a) The International Labour Organization may use the Assembly Hall together with the necessary committee rooms, office accommodation and other facilities connected therewith at times and on financial terms to be agreed from time to time between the United Nations and the International Labour Organization; and

(b) The International Labour Organization may use the Library under the same conditions as other official users thereof.

Article 5

The United Nations shall assume the following obligations which the League of Nations has undertaken to transfer to the acquirers of certain of its immovable property, namely:

(a) As provided in the Act of 2 July 1940, by which the Republic and Canton of Geneva sold to the League of Nations the landed property situated in the Commune of Geneva, Petit-Saconnex district (plot 7033, sheet 4, with an area of 19 ares and 91 metres), the buyer, in the event of re-sale, shall undertake not to exercise his right to build on the said plot otherwise than in conformity with the legal provisions relevant in the matter;

(b) As provided in Article 3 of the Agreement of 20 February 1941, between the *Services industriels de Genève* and the League of Nations, obligations in respect of underground mains shall be transferred to the acquirer of the land;

(c) As provided in Article 6 of the Arrangement of 18 July 1942, between the Swiss Postal and Telegraph Services and the League of Nations, obligations in respect of underground mains shall be transferred to the acquirer of the land.

Article 6

The movable objects transferred shall be listed in an inventory drawn up by the League of Nations and verified jointly by the United Nations at the time of the transfer.

Article 7

The transfers provided for in the present Agreement shall take place on 1 August 1946.

Article 8

1. In conformity with item 8 of the report by the Committee of the United Nations accompanying the Common Plan (United Nations document A/18, 28 January 1946), the United Nations shall, during the liquidation of the League of Nations, allow the latter to use without any charge the premises and the furniture and equipment with which they are provided, together with the supplies necessary for the continuation of its activities until the date of the transfer of the said activities to the United Nations or of their termination.

2. Subsequently, for the work of liquidation of the League of Nations until the completion of that liquidation, the United Nations shall grant, free of charge, the use of the premises and the furniture and equipment with which they are provided and available supplies in reasonable quantities.

Article 9

A protocol shall be drawn up between the League of Nations and the United Nations in order, if need be, to supplement the present Agreement and to settle any practical questions arising out of the transfer.

Article 10

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it shall have been signed by the Secretary-General of the League of Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, or by their representatives.

Done and signed at Geneva on 19 July 1946, in four copies, two in French and two in English, the texts in both languages being equally authentic, of which two texts, one French and one English, were handed to the representatives of the League of Nations and the two remaining texts to the representatives of the United Nations.

For the League of Nations:

(Signed) Sean LESTER

For the United Nations:

(Signed) W. MODEROW