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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
and  
CEYLON**

**Public Officers Agreement. Signed at Colombo, on 11 November 1947**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 10 April 1951.*

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
et  
CEYLAN**

**Accord relatif aux fonctionnaires. Signé à Colombo, le 11 novembre 1947**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 10 avril 1951.*

No. 1150. PUBLIC OFFICERS AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND CEYLON. SIGNED AT COLOMBO, ON 11 NOVEMBER 1947

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The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ceylon have agreed as follows :—

(1) In this Agreement :—

“ officer ” means a person holding office in the public service of Ceylon immediately before the appointed day, being an officer—

(a) who at any time before the 17th day of July, 1928, was appointed or selected for appointment to an office, appointment to which was subject to the approval of a Secretary of State, or who, before that day, had entered into an agreement with the Crown Agents for the Colonies to serve in any public office for a specified period; or

(b) who on or after the 17th day of July, 1928, has been or is appointed or selected for appointment (otherwise than on agreement for a specific period) to an office, appointment to which is subject to the approval of a Secretary of State; or

(c) who, on or after the 17th day of July, 1928, has entered or enters into an agreement with the Crown Agents for the Colonies to serve for a specific period in an office, appointment to which is not subject to the approval of a Secretary of State, and who, on the appointed day, either has been confirmed in a permanent and pensionable office or is a European member of the Police Force;

“ the appointed day ” means the day when the constitutional measures necessary for conferring on Ceylon fully responsible status within the British Commonwealth of Nations shall come into force;

“ pension ” includes a gratuity and other like allowance.

(2) An officer who continues on and after the appointed day to serve in Ceylon shall be entitled to receive from the Government of Ceylon the same conditions of service as respects remuneration, leave and pension, and the same rights as respects disciplinary matters or, as the case may be, as respects the tenure, of office, or rights as similar thereto as changed circumstances may

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 4 February 1948, in accordance with the provisions of clause 6.

permit, as he was entitled to immediately before the appointed day, and he shall be entitled to leave passages in accordance with the practice now followed; but he shall not be entitled to exemption from any general revision of salaries which the Government of Ceylon may find it necessary to make.

(3) Any officer who does not wish to continue to serve in Ceylon, being an officer described in paragraph (a) of the definition of " officer " in Clause 1, may retire from the service at any time; and in any other case may retire from the service within two years of the appointed day. On such retirement he shall be entitled to receive from the Government of Ceylon a compensatory pension in accordance with the special regulations made under Section 88 of the Ceylon (State Council) Order in Council, 1931, in force on the appointed day; but an officer who leaves the Ceylon service on transfer to the Public Service in any colony, protectorate or mandated or trust territory shall not be entitled to receive such a pension.

(4) Pensions which have been or may be granted to any persons who have been, and have ceased to be, in the public service of Ceylon at any time before the appointed day, or to the widows, children or dependants of such persons shall be paid in accordance with the law under which they were granted, or if granted after that day, in accordance with the law in force on that day, or in either case in accordance with any law made thereafter which is not less favourable.

(5) The Government of Ceylon will comply with any reasonable request which may at any time be made by the Government of the United Kingdom for the release of a public officer for employment in the public service elsewhere.

(6) This agreement will take effect on the appointed day.

DONE in duplicate, at Colombo, this 11th day of November, 1947.

Signed on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom  
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland :

Henry MOORE

Signed on behalf of the Government of Ceylon :

D. S. SENANAYAKE