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**NETHERLANDS
and
INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning
assistance to refugees. The Hague, 13 February 1951**

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**PAYS-BAS
et
ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE
POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'assistance
aux réfugiés. La Haye, 13 février 1951**

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 17 avril 1951.

No. 1175. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION CONCERNING ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES. THE HAGUE, 13 FEBRUARY 1951

I

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION
NETHERLANDS MISSION

The Hague, 13th February 1951

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the International Refugee Organization and to confirm that the International Refugee Organization is desirous to see that arrangements be concluded between the Netherlands Government and the International Refugee Organization for the assistance to refugees under the mandate of the International Refugee Organization and to their dependents and more specifically concerning the care and financial support, as long as will prove to be necessary, of the thirteen refugees, needing medical care, and their eight dependents, who are beneficiaries under guarantees of the following Voluntary Agencies in the Netherlands :

Stichting Joods Maatschappelijk Werk (Foundation for Jewish Social Work),

Genootschap der Vrienden (Society of Friends),

Landelijk Inter-Kerkelijk Bureau voor Noodvoorziening (Committee of Interchurch Aid and Service to Refugees).

These arrangements to be summarized as follows :

1. the International Refugee Organization :

agrees to pay to the following Agencies in the Netherlands a single special grant in Dutch guilders equivalent to the following amounts, stated in U.S. dollars :

a) to the "Stichting Joods Maatschappelijk Werk" (Foundation for Jewish Social Work), \$5,600 (five thousand six hundred);

¹ Came into force on 13 February 1951, by the exchange of the said notes.

b) to the " Genootschap der Vrienden " (Society of Friends), \$2,050 (two thousand and fifty);

c) to the " Landelijk Inter-Kerkelijk Bureau voor Noodvoorziening " (Committee of Interchurch Aid and Services to Refugees), \$650 (six hundred and fifty),

these Agencies to be the sole judges of the use made of the sums paid in this way.

2. the Netherlands Government :

a) agree to accept these refugees as permanent residents of the Netherlands, that is to say, as aliens who have been granted a permit of residence in the Netherlands for an indefinite period and who are not subject to measures of expulsion, exclusively on the ground of indigency;

b) agree to grant these refugees as far as possible (especially with respect to public relief and assistance and social security) a legal status as envisaged within the framework of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees as prepared by the United Nations;

c) approve of the arrangement entered into by the International Refugee Organization and the three Voluntary Agencies mentioned to provide supplementary assistance, as long as will prove to be necessary, to the twenty-one refugees referred to in the relevant guarantees of these Voluntary Agencies;

d) approve of the principle of direct payment of the grants by the International Refugee Organization to the Voluntary Agencies concerned;

e) agree to permit grants of public assistance, as needed by this group, without requiring deductions of the supplementary amounts provided by the Voluntary Agencies.

I have the honour to enquire whether Your Excellency would be agreeable to these arrangements as proposed above and, if so, I may suggest that this Note and Your Excellency's reply thereto should be regarded as constituting the agreement for these purposes.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration,

For the International Refugee Organization,

(Signed) H. M. L. H. SARK
Netherlands Representative

His Excellency
the Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Hague

II

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
THE HAGUE

International Organization Department/EZ
No. 8289

The Hague, 13th February 1951

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your Note of today, in which you were good enough to inform me that the International Refugee Organization is desirous to see that arrangements be concluded between the Netherlands Government and the International Refugee Organization for the assistance to refugees under the mandate of the International Refugee Organization and to their dependents and more specifically concerning the care and financial support, as long as will prove to be necessary, of the thirteen refugees needing medical care, and their eight dependents who are beneficiaries under guarantees of the following Voluntary Agencies in the Netherlands :

[See note I]

I have the honour to confirm the Netherlands Government's acceptance of these arrangements and their concurrence in your suggestion that your Note, and the present Note in reply thereto, should be regarded as constituting the agreement for these purposes.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my high consideration,

(Signed) STIKKER
Minister of Foreign Affairs

To the Netherlands Representative
of the International Refugee Organization
The Hague