

**No. 1949**

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**INDIA  
and  
BURMA**

**Treaty of Friendship. Signed at Rangoon, on 7 July 1951**

*Official texts: English, Burmese and Hindi.*

*Registered by India on 7 November 1952.*

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No. 1949. TREATY<sup>1</sup> OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN INDIA  
AND THE UNION OF BURMA. SIGNED AT RANGOON,  
ON 7 JULY 1951

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The President of India and the President of the Union of Burma being desirous of strengthening and developing the many ties that have bound the two countries for centuries and being urged by mutual recognition of the need for maintaining the peace and friendship that have always existed between the two States, have resolved to conclude this Treaty for the common benefit of their peoples and in furtherance of the objectives of their respective countries, and have, to this end, appointed as their Plenipotentiaries the following persons, namely,

The President of India :

His Excellency Dr. M. A. Rauf,  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

The President of the Union of Burma :

The Hon'ble SAO HKUN HKIO, K.S.M.,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Who, having examined each other's credentials and found them good and in due form, have agreed to and signed the following Articles :—

*Article I*

The two States recognize and respect the independence and rights of each other.

*Article II*

There shall be everlasting peace and unalterable friendship between the two States who shall ever strive to strengthen and develop further the cordial relations existing between the peoples of the two countries.

*Article III*

The two States agree to continue diplomatic and consular relations with each other by means of representatives of either party in the territory of the other

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 31 January 1952, by the exchange of the instruments of ratification at Rangoon, in accordance with article VII.

and agree that such representatives and their agreed staff shall have, on a reciprocal basis, such privileges and immunities as are customarily granted by recognized international principles.

#### *Article IV*

The two States agree that their representatives shall meet from time to time and as often as occasion requires to exchange views on matters of common interest and to consider ways and means for mutual co-operation in such matters.

#### *Article V*

The two States agree to start negotiations for the conclusion of agreements, on a reciprocal basis, relating to trade, customs, cultural relations, communications, extradition of criminals, immigration or repatriation of nationals of each country resident in the other, or of dual nationals of the two countries, and all other matters of common interest to the two countries.

#### *Article VI*

Any difference or dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of this Treaty or one or more of its Articles shall be settled by negotiations through the ordinary diplomatic channels and if no settlement is reached by that method within a reasonable time, the matter shall be referred to arbitration in such manner as may be mutually determined by a general or special arrangement between the two parties.

#### *Article VII*

The Treaty shall be subject to ratification and shall come into force from the date of exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place as soon as possible at Rangoon.

#### *Article VIII*

This Treaty shall continue in force for five years from the date of its coming into force and shall thereafter remain in force :

Provided that after the termination of the said period of five years either party may give to the other party a notice of not less than six months intimating its intention to terminate the Treaty and on the expiry of the period of such notice the Treaty shall cease to be in force.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the said Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Treaty in the Hindi, Burmese and English languages (the English text shall prevail in case of conflict between the three texts) and have affixed hereto their seals.

DONE in duplicate in Rangoon on the Seventh day of July 1951.

For the President of India :

Signed by (*Signed*) M. A. RAUF

In the presence of—

(*Signed*) K. M. KANNAMPILLY

For the President of the Union of Burma :

Signed by (*Signed*) S. H. HKIO

In the presence of—

(*Signed*) TUN SHEIN

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