

No. 2538

**GREECE
and
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Exchange of notes (with memorandum) constituting an agreement on implementation of the common defense program and any and all foreign aid programs of the United States. Athens, 4 February 1953

Official text: English.

Registered by Greece on 19 April 1954.

**GRÈCE
et
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

Échange de notes (avec mémorandum) constituant un accord relatif à la mise en œuvre du programme de défense commune et de tous programmes américains d'aide à l'étranger. Athènes, 4 février 1953

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par la Grèce le 19 avril 1954.

No. 2538. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON DEFENSE PROGRAM AND ANY AND ALL FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS OF THE UNITED STATES. ATHENS, 4 FEBRUARY 1953

I

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 252

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's note No. 160, dated November 3, 1952, and to subsequent discussions between representatives of the Greek Government and the Government of the United States regarding the privileges, immunities and exemptions from taxes or other levies and charges which shall be accorded by the Government of Greece in the interest of facilitating and expediting the implementation of the common defense program and any and all foreign programs of the United States.

There is transmitted herewith a Memorandum of Understanding dated February 4, 1953, incorporating the agreements reached in the course of the aforementioned discussions.

It is respectfully requested that the Ministry confirm that the Memorandum of February 4 transmitted with this note is acceptable to the Government of Greece.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosure :

Memorandum of Understanding

Athens, February 4, 1953

To the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Athens

¹ Came into force on 4 February 1953 by the exchange of the said notes.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES RE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON DEFENSE PROGRAM AND ANY AND ALL FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS OF THE UNITED STATES

PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXES OR OTHER LEVIES AND CHARGES

The Government of the United States, by virtue of common defense agreements, is presently engaged in a variety of expenditures for the common defense effort, including construction and/or procurement in Europe of military supplies, materials and equipment, facilities and so-called common-use items required by the United States and by countries participating in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Such programs may be implemented by agreements to which the United States Government is a party entered into directly with the governments of member countries or with manufacturers and/or suppliers in the member countries, or by agreements to which the United States Government is not a party but which are financed in whole or in part by the United States Government. The United States Government is also bringing into member countries materials, equipment, supplies, and goods required for such common defense.

Consequently, in the interest of facilitating and expediting implementation of the common defense program and any and all foreign aid programs of the United States, the Government of Greece agrees that property to which the United States has acquired title or a lien shall be accorded extra-territoriality (immunity from the jurisdiction of the Greek civil and criminal courts), and that any expenditures of the United States Government for equipment, materials, facilities, or services connected with such common defense program and such foreign aid programs of the United States Government will be exempt from taxes, dues, or fees which might affect such expenditures. This exemption will be afforded to the United States Government pursuant to mutually satisfactory arrangements and procedures developed in consultation between the two Governments and implemented by decisions of the Minister of Finance.

In addition, the Government of Greece will extend to the United States, its property, and the contracts, sub-contracts, and activities entered into, undertaken or financed in whole or in part by the United States in Greece in connection with the common defense or any foreign aid programs, the same privileges and immunities and exemptions from taxes or other levies and charges as have heretofore been granted to the American Mission for Aid to Greece by the provisions of Legislative Decree 694/1948 re settlement of matters regarding the American program for aid to Greece.

Athens, February 4, 1953

II

MINISTÈRE ROYAL DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES

No. 408

NOTE VERBALE

The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of its note 252 and of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Greece and the Government of the United States dated February 4, 1953, concerning the implementation of the Common Defence Program and any and all foreign aid programs of the United States.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs confirms that the provisions contained in the Memorandum quoted above are acceptable to the Government of Greece.

The Royal Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Athens, February 4, 1953

To the Embassy of the United States of America
Athens
