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**UNITED NATIONS  
and  
PAKISTAN**

**Agreement concerning the United Nations Regional Training Centre in Railway Operations and Signalling at Lahore. Signed at Karachi, on 25 January 1954**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered ex officio on 1 February 1954.*

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
et  
PAKISTAN**

**Accord relatif au Centre régional de formation organisé par les Nations Unies à Lahore pour l'exploitation et la signalisation des réseaux ferroviaires. Signé à Karachi, le 25 janvier 1954**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré d'office le 1<sup>er</sup> février 1954.*

No. 2472. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN CONCERNING THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE IN RAILWAY OPERATIONS AND SIGNALLING AT LAHORE. SIGNED AT KARACHI, ON 25 JANUARY 1954

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The United Nations (hereinafter called "the Organization") and the Government of Pakistan (hereinafter called "the Government"),

Desiring to give effect to Resolution 222 (IX) of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations,<sup>2</sup> and to other resolutions and decisions relating to technical assistance of the Organization, which are intended to promote the economic and social progress and development of peoples, and

Considering that an Ad Hoc Committee of experts on Inland Transport of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) recommended the establishment of a training centre in railway operations and signalling for railway officials from member and associated member countries of ECAFE: that this recommendation was approved by ECAFE at its seventh session on 6 March 1951,<sup>3</sup> and that subsequently detailed plans for the project were drawn up by the ECAFE Inland Transport Committee and revised by the Expert Working Group on Railway Operations and Signalling at the conclusion of their study tour in February 1953.

Have entered into this Agreement in a spirit of friendly cooperation.

*Article I*

UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE IN RAILWAY OPERATIONS  
AND SIGNALLING

1. The Organization and the Government agree to the establishment of a "United Nations Regional Training Centre in Railway Operations and Signalling" at Lahore for the member and associate member countries of ECAFE (hereinafter called "the Centre").

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 25 January 1954 by signature.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fourth Year, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/1553)*, p. 4.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 7*, p. 45.

2. The purpose of the Centre shall be to offer training in the theory and practice of modern techniques of railway operations and signalling for railway officials from member and associate member countries of ECAFE. The syllabus and general development of the Training Programme shall be formulated in accordance with the recommendations of an Advisory Board to be established.
3. In view of the fact that a Railway Training School already exists at Lahore, the Centre shall be located at Lahore.

### *Article II*

#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OF THE ORGANIZATION

1. The Organization shall make available, for an initial period of one year, the services of a Principal Lecturer and an Administrative Officer for the Centre, together with such lecturers and assistant lecturers (these persons are hereinafter called "United Nations officials") and such local staff as the Organization may determine to be necessary. The United Nations officials and this local staff shall be responsible to the Organization.
2. The period of assignment of the personnel provided by the Organization for the Centre may be extended beyond one year, depending on the requirements of the situation and on the availability of funds of the Organization.
3. (a) The Organization shall make available technical equipment for the Centre.  
(b) The Organization shall bear the cost of transporting the equipment to a Pakistan port of entry.  
(c) Title to the equipment shall be transferred to the Government when the organization ceases to be responsible for the functioning and conduct of the Centre.  
(d) The services of the Lecturers shall also be available to supervise the installation of the technical equipment for the Centre.
4. The Organization shall be responsible for :
  - (a) The salaries and wages of the staff mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article;
  - (b) Any other emoluments to which they may be entitled;
  - (c) The travel expenses from their respective places of recruitment to Lahore and return, and the cost of any other travel outside Pakistan which they may undertake for official purposes;
  - (d) Insurance of the United Nations officials mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article;
  - (e) Such other expenditure for the operation and maintenance of the Centre as is not payable by the Government under the terms of this Agreement.

*Article III*

1. The Government agrees to act as host government for the Centre, and to take all necessary measures to assure the regional character of the Centre for the benefit of the member and associate member countries of ECAFE.
2. The Government shall nominate one of its officers to maintain liaison between the Principal Lecturer of the Centre, the interested agencies of the Government, and the existing Railway Training School at Lahore. The Government shall be responsible for the payment of this officer's salary and emoluments.
3. The Government shall make available and defray the cost of :
  - (a) Lecture and demonstration rooms, adequately furnished, equipped and maintained; offices, adequately furnished, equipped and maintained for the Principal Lecturer, Lecturers, Assistant Lecturers, Administrative Officer and their staffs, as well as the necessary storage rooms.
  - (b) Equipment and personnel available at the Railway Training School for the fire and theft protection of the Centre.
4. The Government shall make available, and defray the cost of, medical facilities for the United Nations officials and for the students of the Centre on the same terms as for railway officials of comparable status.
5. The Government shall make available on a reimbursement basis, residential accommodation adequately furnished, equipped and maintained, including the provision of bedding and cleaning services, to accommodate a maximum number of 30 students, as well as electric power, water supply, etc., in consideration whereof the organization agrees to pay the Government a sum of Pakistani rupees 3,500/- per month.
6. The Government shall make available on a reimbursement basis, electrical and other utility installations, and the electric power, water supply, etc., required to ensure the efficient functioning and maintenance of the Centre, including those required for the outside track and the demonstration equipment, in consideration whereof the organization agrees to pay the Government a sum of Pakistani rupees 1,000/- per month.
7. The Government shall arrange to make available free of cost the land required for the outdoor demonstration equipment, as well as serviceable plain rails for the track required for such demonstration, and to lay the track, free of charge, with such materials as the Government may be able to make available. The Organization will endeavour to supply such other material for the outdoor track as may not be available from the Government.

8. The Government agrees to transport at its expense the equipment to be provided by the Organization from the point of entry in West Pakistan to the Centre at the Railway material rate, and to assist in the installation of the same at the Centre; provided that the total liability of the Government under this paragraph shall not exceed the sum of Pakistani rupees 10,000/-, the excess of expenditure on this account over this amount to be defrayed by the Organization.
9. The Government at their own expense shall make available the services of one of their electrical linesmen, and one of their mechanical fitters for such regular periods as may be considered necessary to ensure the effective maintenance of the technical equipment, and also undertake such repairs to this equipment as its facilities permit.
10. For the purpose of demonstrating the outdoor equipment, the Government shall make available free of cost on request by the Principal Lecturer, a locomotive or railcar for a maximum of twenty hours per month actual service on the outdoor track of the Centre. The use of the locomotive or railcar for any period exceeding twenty hours in any one month would be arranged on terms to be mutually agreed upon.
11. The Government shall make arrangements to assure in general the cooperation of the Railway Training School at Lahore with the Centre. In particular those arrangements shall provide that the Railway Training School will make available to the Centre the use of the equipment in the existing model room, as well as any other demonstration equipment available at the Training School.
12. The Government shall assist the Organization in the recruitment and selection of the local secretarial and clerical personnel.
13. The Government shall facilitate the entry into Pakistan of students from member and associate member countries of ECAFE.
14. The Government shall hold the Organization and the officials of the Organization harmless from any Government claim and any liability to the Government arising from or in connection with the administrative and technical execution of the project.
15. The Government shall assist in providing postal, telegraph and telephone communications required for official purposes in the operation of the Centre, the cost thereof to be borne by the Organization.

#### *Article IV*

1. It is the intention that responsibility for the conduct of the Centre will be transferred to the Government at a time and under conditions to be determined by mutual agreement. Until such transfer, the Organization will continue to undertake these responsibilities, subject to the availability of the necessary funds.
2. The Government agrees, after the transfer of these responsibilities from the Organization to the Government has taken place, to preserve and further

the objectives of the Centre as set out in Article I of this Agreement and, to this end, to facilitate the continuance of training at the Centre of students from member and associate member countries of ECAFE.

3. The Government agrees to keep the Centre available at all times for visits and observation by officials and experts of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and by other professionally interested personnel, under arrangements to be mutually agreed upon between the Government and the Organization.

#### Article V

##### FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. In accordance with the Convention<sup>1</sup> on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations which has been ratified by the Government by Act No. XX of 1948, the Government shall apply to the Organization, its staff, funds, properties, and assets, the appropriate provisions of this Convention.

2. The staff of the Centre, employed by the Organization to carry out the purpose of this Agreement, except the locally recruited secretarial and clerical personnel, shall be deemed to be officials within the meaning of the above Convention.

#### Article VI

The present Agreement shall govern the mutual obligations of the Organization and the Government with respect to the United Nations Regional Training Centre in Railway Operations and Signalling at Lahore. The present agreement may be amended by agreement between the parties, and may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other, in which case it shall terminate 120 days after receipt of such notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the Organization and the Government, respectively, have signed this Agreement at Karachi on this 25th day of January 1954 in two originals in English.

For the United Nations :  
(Signed) A. MACFARQUHAR  
Resident Representative  
of the Technical Assistance  
Board

For the Government of Pakistan :  
(Signed) Said HASSAN  
Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs  
Designated Representative  
of the Government of Pakistan

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 1, pp. 15 and 263; Vol. 4, p. 461; Vol. 5, p. 413; Vol. 6, p. 433; Vol. 7, p. 353; Vol. 9, p. 398; Vol. 11, p. 406; Vol. 12, p. 416; Vol. 14, p. 490; Vol. 15, p. 442; Vol. 18, p. 382; Vol. 26, p. 396; Vol. 42, p. 354; Vol. 43, p. 335; Vol. 45, p. 318; Vol. 66, p. 346; Vol. 70, p. 266; Vol. 173, p. 369; Vol. 177, p. 324, and Vol. 180, p. 296.