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**UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL  
CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND  
and  
ETHIOPIA**

**Agreement concerning the activities of UNICEF in Ethiopia.  
Signed at Addis Ababa, on 21 April 1953**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered ex officio on 10 August 1955.*

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**FONDS INTERNATIONAL DES NATIONS UNIES  
POUR LE SECOURS À L'ENFANCE  
et  
ÉTHIOPIE**

**Accord relatif aux activités du FISE en Éthiopie. Signé à  
Addis-Abéba, le 21 avril 1953**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré d'office le 10 août 1955.*

No. 2885. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA. SIGNED AT ADDIS ABABA, ON 21 APRIL 1953

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WHEREAS the General Assembly of the United Nations, by Resolution 57 (I) adopted on 11 December 1946,<sup>2</sup> created an International Children's Emergency Fund, (hereinafter referred to as "the Fund") as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations, and amended its terms of reference by resolution 417 (V) adopted on 1 December 1950<sup>3</sup> and

WHEREAS the Government of Ethiopia (hereinafter referred to as "the Government") desires the aid of the Fund for the benefit of children and adolescents and expectant and nursing mothers (hereinafter referred to as "the persons to be aided") within its territories

NOW, THEREFORE, the Government and the Fund have agreed as follows :

*Article I*

PLANS OF OPERATIONS

A. On each occasion that the Government wishes to obtain assistance from the Fund it shall prepare a plan of operations describing the proposed project, the respective commitments proposed to be undertaken by the Government and the Fund, and the means proposed to ensure the proper use and distribution of supplies or other assistance which the Fund may provide.

B. The Fund, after examining the need for such assistance and taking into account its available resources, will decide on its own participation in the proposed plan, and the Government and the Fund will agree on a mutually agreeable plan of operations (hereinafter referred to as the "approved plan"). Approved plans may be amended, should circumstances so require, in any manner agreed between the Government and the Fund. The present Agreement shall then apply to such a plan as amended.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 21 April 1953 by signature, in accordance with article X.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly during the Second Part of the First Session* (A/64/Add.1, p. 90).

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 20* (A/1775, p. 40).

*Article II*

## FURNISHING OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

A. The Government and the Fund, in accordance with their respective commitments under any approved plan of operations, shall provide supplies and services for the persons to be aided in Ethiopia.

B. The Fund shall provide the supplies and services under this Agreement free of charge.

C. The Government undertakes that the supplies and services provided by the Fund shall be distributed to, or made available for the benefit of, the persons to be aided, in accordance with the approved plan of operations and in conformity with the policies of the Fund.

*Article III*

## TRANSFER AND DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES

A. The Fund shall retain full ownership of its supplies until consumed or used by the persons to be aided, or, in the case of capital goods, until the transfer of title, or, during the period of loan, as may be provided for in the approved plan.

B. The Fund shall entrust its supplies to the Government for handling or distribution on behalf of the Fund for the benefit of the persons to be aided. In distributing or otherwise handling such supplies, the Government shall act as agent for the Fund. In discharging this responsibility, the Government may avail itself of the services of agencies operating within the country and chosen by mutual agreement between the Government and the Fund.

C. The Government undertakes to see that these supplies are used, dispensed, or distributed equitably and efficiently on the basis of need, without discrimination because of race, creed, nationality status, or political belief.

D. It is agreed that supplies and services provided by the Fund are to be in addition to, and not in substitution for, the budget charges or other resources which the Government or other authorities within the country have established for similar activities. No ration plan in force at the time of the approval of a plan of operations shall be modified by reason of such supplies so as to reduce the rations allocated to the persons to be aided.

E. The Fund, at its discretion, may cause such distinctive markings to be placed upon the supplies provided by it as may be deemed necessary by the Fund to indicate that such supplies are provided under the auspices of the Fund and are intended for the persons to be aided.

F. The persons to be aided shall not be required to pay directly or indirectly for the cost of any supplies or services provided by the Fund.

G. The Government shall make all arrangements for, and shall sustain all operational and administrative expenses or costs incurred in the currency of Ethiopia with respect to the reception, unloading, warehousing, insurance, transportation, and distribution of the supplies furnished by the Fund.

#### *Article IV*

##### EXPORTS

The Government agrees that it will not expect the Fund to furnish supplies for the aid and assistance of children and adolescents and expectant and nursing mothers under this Agreement if the Government exports any supplies of the same or similar character, except in such special circumstances as may arise and are approved by the Programme Committee of the Executive Board of the Fund.

#### *Article V*

##### RECORDS AND REPORTS

A. The Government shall maintain adequate accounting and statistical records of the Fund's operations necessary to discharge the Fund's responsibilities, and shall consult with the Fund, at its request, with respect to the maintenance of such records.

B. The Government shall furnish the Fund with such records, reports, and information as to the operation of approved plans as the Fund may find necessary to the discharge of the responsibilities entrusted to it by the General Assembly.

#### *Article VI*

##### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FUND IN CARRYING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT

A. It is recognized and understood by the Government and the Fund, that, in order to carry out the terms of this Agreement, it will be necessary to establish a close and cordial relationship of cooperation between officials of the Govern-

ment and officers of the Fund. The Fund shall provide duly authorized officers to visit periodically or be stationed in Ethiopia for consultation and cooperation with the appropriate officials of the Government with respect to the shipment, receipt, and use or distribution of the supplies furnished by the Fund, to consider and review the needs of the persons to be aided in Ethiopia, to advise the Fund on the progress of approved plans of operations under the present Agreement and of any problems which the Government may wish to submit to the Fund with regard to assistance for the benefit of the persons to be aided in Ethiopia.

B. The Fund and the Government agree that, for the above purposes, the Fund may maintain an office in Ethiopia through which its officers may be reached and through which it will conduct its principal business.

C. The Government shall facilitate employment by the Fund, as officers, clerical staff or otherwise, of such residents and citizens of Ethiopia as may be required to discharge the Fund's functions under the present Agreement.

D. The Government shall permit authorized officers of the Fund to have access to such records, books of account, or other appropriate documents with respect to the distribution of supplies furnished by the Fund. The Government shall further permit authorized officers of the Fund entire freedom to observe the handling, distribution, and use of such supplies and the maintenance of loaned capital goods at any time and at any place, and to examine the processes and techniques of distribution and make observations with respect thereto to the appropriate Government authorities.

E. If an office is established in the territory of the Government under Section B of this Article, the Government shall, in agreement with the Fund, make arrangements for, and meet the cost of, expenses incurred in the currency of Ethiopia for the housing, subsistence, automobile transportation, and travel of the officers to be provided by the Fund under this Article, for the establishing, equipping, and maintaining of the office, for clerical and other assistance, for postal, telegraphic, and telephone communications, and for other services necessary to carry out the activities provided for by this Article.

## *Article VII*

### IMMUNITY FROM TAXATION

A. The Funds, its assets, property, income, and its operations and transactions of whatsoever nature, shall be immune from all taxes, fees, tolls, or duties imposed by the Government or by any political sub-division thereof or by any other public authority in Ethiopia. The Fund shall also be immune from liability

for the collection or payment of any tax, fee, toll, or duty imposed by the Government or any political sub-division thereof or by any other public authority.

B. No tax, fee, toll, or duty shall be levied by the Government or any political sub-division thereof or any other public authority on or in respect of salaries or remunerations for personal services paid by the Fund to its officers, employees, or other Fund personnel who are not subjects of Ethiopia, or permanent residents thereof.

C. The Government shall take such action as is necessary for the purpose of giving effect to the foregoing provisions of this Article. In addition, the Government shall take whatever action may be necessary to ensure that supplies and services furnished by the Fund are not subjected to any tax, fee, toll, or duty in a manner which reduces the resources of the Fund.

D. The Government shall undertake to pay all taxes, fees, tolls or duties referred to in the above three paragraphs of this Article if its laws do not allow such exceptions.

### *Article VIII*

#### PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

The Government recognizes that the Fund, as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations, and its personnel are entitled to the privileges and immunities contained in the General Convention on Privileges and Immunities<sup>1</sup> as adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

### *Article IX*

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government shall afford the Fund opportunity for, and shall cooperate with the Fund in, making public information regarding the delivery and distribution of supplies furnished by the Fund.

### *Article X*

#### PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

A. The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of signature, or, if ratification is required, from that date. It shall remain in force at least

<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; Vol. 180, p. 296, and Vol. 202, p. 320.

until the termination of all plans of operations approved under this Agreement, plus a reasonable period for the completion of an orderly liquidation of all Fund activities in Ethiopia.

B. In case of disagreement as to whether the terms of this Agreement are being complied with, the matter shall be referred to the Programme Committee of the Executive Board of the Fund for appropriate action.

For the Government of Ethiopia :

(Signed) Haddis ALEMAYEHOU

Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the United Nations International  
Children's Emergency Fund :

(Signed) Hans EHRENSTRALE

Chief Representative for UNICEF for Eastern  
Mediterranean Area Office

Addis Ababa, April 21, 1953