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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**and**  
**ETHIOPIA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to mutual defense assistance. Addis Ababa, 12 and 13 June 1952**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 1 March 1955.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**  
**et**  
**ÉTHIOPIE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'aide pour la défense mutuelle. Addis-Abéba, 12 et 13 juin 1952**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 1<sup>er</sup> mars 1955.*

No. 2766. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ETHIOPIA RELATING TO MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE. ADDIS ABABA, 12 AND 13 JUNE 1952

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Ethiopian Minister of Foreign Affairs*

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AMERICAN EMBASSY

No. 136

Addis Ababa, June 12, 1952

Excellency :

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Ethiopia has been declared eligible to receive from the Government of the United States of America reimbursable military assistance under the provisions of Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended.<sup>2</sup> There are certain assurances and undertakings by the Government of Ethiopia which the Government of the United States must obtain before completing any transaction under that Act.

The Department understands the Government of Ethiopia is prepared to agree to use such items as may be provided to foster international peace and security within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations through measures which will further the ability of nations dedicated to the principles and purposes of the Charter to participate effectively in arrangements for individual and collective self-defense in support of those purposes and principles; and, moreover, that the items to be provided by the Government of the United States are required by the Government of Ethiopia and will be used solely to maintain its internal security, its legitimate self-defense or permit it to participate in the defense of the area of which it is a part or in United Nations collective security arrangements and measures; and that it will not undertake any act of aggression against any other State.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 13 June 1952 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United States of America : 63 Stat. 720; 22 U. S. C. § 1580.

The Department understands also that the Government of Ethiopia will obtain the consent of the Government of the United States prior to the transfer of title to or possession of any equipment, materials, information, or services furnished, and that the Government of Ethiopia will take appropriate measures to protect the security of any article, service, or information furnished. The Government of Ethiopia also understands that the Government of the United States necessarily retains the privilege of diverting items of equipment or of not completing services undertaken if such action is dictated by considerations of United States national interest.

Finally, the Department understands that the Government of Ethiopia is prepared to accept terms and conditions of payment for the items transferred, to be agreed upon between the Government of Ethiopia and the Government of the United States, which accord with the terms of Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended.

A reply by the Government of Ethiopia to the effect that these understandings are correct will be considered as constituting an agreement between the Government of Ethiopia and the Government of the United States.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

R. D. GATEWOOD  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

His Excellency Ato Aklilou Abte Wold  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
The Imperial Ethiopian Government  
Addis Ababa

## II

### *The Ethiopian Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

#### MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 369/1/44

Addis Ababa, 13th June 1952

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your note no. 136 of 12th June, 1952, and to express the appreciation of the Imperial Ethiopian Government for the declaration therein of their eligibility to receive from the Government of the United States of America military assistance under the provisions of Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended. The assurances and undertakings as set out in the note under reference are agreed to by the Imperial Ethiopian Government.

The Imperial Ethiopian Government is prepared to accept terms and conditions of payment for the items transferred, to be agreed upon between the Imperial Ethiopian Government and the Government of the United States, which accord with the terms of Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended.

Accept, Mr. Chargé d'Affaires, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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AKLILOU  
Minister

The Chargé d'Affaires  
The Embassy of the United States of America  
Addis Ababa

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