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BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THE IMPERIAL ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.
SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 22 MAY 1953

The Government of the United States of America and the Imperial Ethiopian Government,

Desiring 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 purposes and principles of the Charter to participate effectively in arrangements for individual and collective self-defense in support of those purposes and principles ;

Reaffirming their determination to give their full cooperation to the efforts to provide the United Nations with armed forces as contemplated by the Charter and to participate in United Nations collective defense arrangements and measures, and to obtain agreement on universal regulation and reduction of armaments under adequate guarantee against violation or evasion ;

Taking into consideration the support which the Government of the United States has brought to these principles by enacting the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended,² and the Mutual Security Act of 1951, as amended ;³

Desiring to set forth the conditions which will govern the furnishing of such assistance ;

Have agreed :

Article I

1. The Government of the United States, pursuant to Section 202 of the Mutual Security Act of 1951, as amended, will make available to the Imperial Ethiopian Government arms and other equipment, materials, services or other assistance in such quantities and in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be agreed. The furnishing and use of such assistance shall be consistent with the Charter of the United Nations. Such assistance as may be made available by the Government of the United States pursuant to this Agreement will be furnished under the provisions and subject to all the terms, conditions and ter-

¹ Came into force on 22 May 1953, as from the date of signature, in accordance with article VII.

² United States of America : 63 Stat. 714 ; 22 U.S.C. § 1571 *et seq.*

³ United States of America : 65 Stat. 373 ; 22 U.S.C. § 1651 *et seq.*

mination provisions of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949 and the Mutual Security Act of 1951, acts amendatory or supplementary thereto and appropriation acts thereunder. The two Governments will, from time to time, negotiate detailed arrangements necessary to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.

2. The Imperial Ethiopian Government will use this assistance exclusively to maintain its internal security, its legitimate self-defense, or to permit it to participate in the defense of the area, or in United Nations collective security arrangements and measures, and Ethiopia will not undertake any act of aggression against any other nation; and Ethiopia will not, without the prior agreement of the Government of the United States, devote such assistance to purposes other than those for which it was furnished.

3. Arrangements will be entered into under which equipment and materials furnished pursuant to this Agreement and no longer required or used exclusively for the purposes for which originally made available will be offered for return to the Government of the United States.

4. The Imperial Ethiopian Government will not transfer to any person not an officer or agent of that Government, or to any other nation, title to or possession of any equipment, materials, property, information, or services received under this Agreement, without the prior consent of the Government of the United States.

5. The Imperial Ethiopian Government will take such security measures as may be agreed in each case between the two Governments in order to prevent the disclosure or compromise of classified military articles, services or information furnished pursuant to this Agreement.

6. Each Government will take appropriate measures consistent with security to keep the public informed of operations under this Agreement.

7. The two Governments will establish procedures whereby the Imperial Ethiopian Government will so deposit, segregate or assure title to all funds allocated to or derived from any program of assistance undertaken by the Government of the United States so that such funds shall not, except as may otherwise be mutually agreed, be subject to garnishment, attachment, seizure or other legal process by any person, firm, agency, corporation, organization or government.

Article II

The two Governments will, upon request of either of them, negotiate appropriate arrangements between them providing for the methods and terms of the

exchange of patent rights and technical information for defense which will expedite such exchanges and at the same time protect private interests and maintain necessary security safeguards.

Article III

1. The Imperial Ethiopian Government will make available to the Government of the United States Ethiopian dollars for the use of the latter Government for its administrative and operating expenditures in connection with carrying out the purposes of this Agreement. The two Governments will forthwith initiate discussions with a view to determining the amount of such Ethiopian dollars and to agreeing upon arrangements for the furnishing of such Ethiopian dollars.

2. The Imperial Ethiopian Government will, except as may otherwise be mutually agreed, grant duty-free treatment on importation or exportation and exemption from internal taxation upon products, property, materials or equipment imported into its territory in connection with this Agreement or any similar Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of any other country receiving military assistance.

3. Tax relief will be accorded to all expenditures in Ethiopia by, or on behalf of, the Government of the United States for the common defense effort, including expenditures for any foreign aid program of the United States. The Imperial Ethiopian Government will establish procedures satisfactory to both Governments so that such expenditures will be net of taxes.

Article IV

1. The Imperial Ethiopian Government will receive personnel of the Government of the United States who will discharge in its territory the responsibilities of the Government of the United States under this Agreement and who will be accorded facilities and authority to observe the progress of the assistance furnished pursuant to this Agreement. Such personnel who are United States nationals, including personnel temporarily assigned, will, in their relations with the Imperial Ethiopian Government, operate as a part of the Embassy of the United States of America under the direction and control of the Chief of the Diplomatic Mission, and will have the same status as that of other personnel with corresponding rank of the Embassy of the United States who are United States nationals. Upon appropriate notification by the Government of the United States the Imperial Ethiopian Government will grant full diplomatic status to an agreed number of personnel assigned under this article.

2. The Imperial Ethiopian Government will grant exemption from import and export duties on personal property imported for the personal use of such personnel or of their families and will take reasonable administrative measures

to facilitate and expedite the importation and exportation of the personal property of such personnel and their families.

3. The military assistance advisory group to be provided by the Government of the United States will include an appropriate number of military personnel designated for the training of the Ethiopian Armed Forces and advising in their organization in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be agreed.

Article V

1. The Imperial Ethiopian Government will :

(a) Join in promoting international understanding and good will, and maintaining world peace ;

(b) Take such action as may be mutually agreed upon to eliminate causes of international tension ;

(c) Fulfill the military obligations which it has assumed in multilateral or bilateral agreements or treaties to which the United States is a party ;

(d) Make, consistent with its political and economic stability, the full contribution permitted by its manpower, resources, facilities and general economic condition to the development and maintenance of its own defensive strength and the defensive strength of the free world ;

(e) Take all reasonable measures which may be needed to develop its defense capacities ; and

(f) Take appropriate steps to insure the effective utilization of the economic and military assistance provided by the United States.

2. (a) Subject to mutual agreement hereafter, the Imperial Ethiopian Government will, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations, furnish to the Government of the United States, or to such other governments as the Parties hereto may in each case agree upon, equipment, materials, services or other assistance in order to increase their capacity for individual and collective self-defense and to facilitate their effective participation in the United Nations system for collective security.

(b) In conformity with the principle of mutual aid, the Imperial Ethiopian Government will facilitate the production and transfer to the Government of the United States, for such period of time, in such quantities and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, of raw and semiprocessed materials required by the United States as a result of deficiencies or potential deficiencies in its own resources, and which may be available in Ethiopia. Arrangements for such transfers shall give due regard to reasonable requirements of Ethiopia for domestic use and commercial export.

Article VI

In the interest of their mutual security the Imperial Ethiopian Government will cooperate with the Government of the United States in taking measures designed to control trade with nations which threaten the maintenance of world peace.

Article VII

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and will continue in force until one year after the receipt by either party of written notice of the intention of the other party to terminate it, provided that the provisions of article I, paragraphs 2 and 4, and arrangements entered into under Article I, paragraphs 3, 5 and 7, and under article II, shall remain in force unless otherwise agreed by the two Governments.

2. The two Governments will, upon the request of either of them consult regarding any matter relating to the application or amendment of this Agreement.

3. This Agreement shall be registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly authorized representatives of the Government of the United States and the Imperial Ethiopian Government have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Washington this twenty-second day of May, 1953.

For the Government of the United States of America :

Walter BEDELL SMITH

For the Imperial Ethiopian Government :

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