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No. 3370. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND LEBANON RELATING TO MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE. BEIRUT, 6 AND 23 MARCH 1953

I

The American Ambassador to the Lebanese Minister for Foreign Affairs

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

N° 1215

Beirut, March 6, 1953

Excellency :

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Lebanon has been declared eligible to receive from the Government of the United States of America military equipment, materials and services on a reimbursable basis under the provisions of Section 408(e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended.²

It is the understanding of the United States Government that the Government of Lebanon is prepared to accept the following undertakings :

1. The Government of Lebanon agrees to use any equipment, materials, and service furnished under this agreement 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 these purposes and principles. The Government of Lebanon further agrees to furnish, as may be mutually agreed hereafter, equipment and materials, services, or other assistance, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations, to the United States or to and among other nations, whose increased ability to defend themselves against aggression is considered by the Governments of the United States and of Lebanon to be in their mutual interest.

2. The Government of Lebanon assures the United States Government that such equipment, materials, or services as may be acquired from the United States under this agreement are required for and will be used solely to maintain its internal security, its

¹ Came into force on 23 March 1953 by the exchange of the said notes.

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

legitimate self-defense, or to 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.

3. The Government of Lebanon will not relinquish title to or possession of any equipment and materials, information or services furnished under this agreement without the consent of the United States Government.

4. The Government of Lebanon will protect the security of any article service or information furnished under this agreement.

5. The Government of Lebanon 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 national interest.

6. The cost of equipment, materials or services provided by the Government of the United States shall be the fair value as determined by the President of the United States and the Government of Lebanon will accept terms and conditions of payment which are customary in such transactions.

I have the honor to propose that this note, together with your reply confirming these assurances, constitute an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Lebanon, effective on the date of your Note.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

Harold B. MINOR

His Excellency Georges Bey Hakim
Minister for Foreign Affairs for the Republic of Lebanon
Beirut

II

The Lebanese Minister for Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

LEBANESE REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE LEBANESE OVERSEAS
POLITICAL SERVICE
WESTERN AND UNITED NATIONS SECTION

No. 5565/5

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to your note 1215 of March 6, 1953, relating to the assurances and commitments requested of the Lebanese Government prior to the execution of the agreement between the said Government and the Government of the United States in conformity with the provisions of Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended.

The Government of Lebanon accepts the commitments and assurances referred to in the above-mentioned note and concurs in the proposal that this note, together with your note of March 6, 1953, constitute an agreement between the two Governments covering all operations relating to the furnishing of military assistance in conformity with Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended, the said agreement entering into force on the date of the present note.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

Beirut, March 23, 1953

Georges HAKIM
[SEAL]

His Excellency Harold B. Minor
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America
Beirut

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.