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No. 4000. TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND AND THE UNION OF BURMA.
SIGNED AT BANGKOK, ON 15 OCTOBER 1956

His Majesty the King of Thailand and the President of the Union of Burma, being desirous of strengthening and perpetuating the peace and friendship and widening the scope of co-operation between the two States, have resolved to conclude a Treaty of Friendship for the common benefit of their peoples and in furtherance of the common objectives of their respective countries, and have, to this end, appointed as their Plenipotentiaries the following persons, namely,

His Majesty the King of Thailand :

His Royal Highness Prince Wan Waithayakon Krommün Naradhip Bongsprabandh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand,

The President of the Union of Burma :

His Excellency U Pe Kin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Burma to the Kingdom of Thailand,

Who, having examined each other's full powers and found them good and in due form, have agreed upon the following articles :

Article I

The two States recognize and respect the independence and sovereign rights of each other.

Article II

The two States shall maintain perpetual peace and friendship between them and shall ever strive to strengthen and develop the friendly relations existing between the peoples of the two countries.

Article III

The two States agree to maintain and continue diplomatic and consular relations with each other by means of representatives of either party in the territory of the other and agree that such representatives and their staff shall

¹ Came into force on 28 May 1957, the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification at Rangoon, in accordance with article VIII.

have, on a reciprocal basis, such privileges and immunities as are customarily granted by recognized principles of international law.

Article IV

The two States agree that their representatives shall meet from time to time and as often as occasion requires to exchange views on matters of common interest and to consider ways and means for mutual co-operation in such matters.

Article V

The two States agree to start negotiations for the conclusion of agreements, on a reciprocal basis, relating to commerce, navigation, customs, cultural relations, communications, extradition of criminals, and all other matters of common interest to the two countries.

Article VI

The nationals of each of the High Contracting Parties shall be permitted to enjoy, on condition of reciprocity, the right to travel, to reside, to carry on all kinds of professions and occupations, to engage in industries and trade and, to acquire, inherit, possess, lease, occupy and dispose of any kind of movable or immovable property, throughout the whole extent of the territories of the Other, under the same conditions as the nationals of any third country, subject always to the Constitution, laws and regulations promulgated, or which may hereafter be promulgated, by the Other. They shall enjoy, in matters of procedure, the same treatment as is accorded to the nationals of the Other, with respect to the protection and security of their persons and property and in regard to all judicial, administrative and other legal proceedings.

Article VII

Any difference or dispute arising out of the interpretation of this Treaty or one or more of its Articles shall be settled by negotiations in the spirit of friendship through the ordinary diplomatic channels and if no settlement is reached by that method within a reasonable time, the matter shall be referred to arbitration or judicial settlement in such manner as may be mutually determined by a general or special arrangement between the two States.

Article VIII

This Treaty shall be subject to ratification and shall come into force from the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place as soon as possible at Rangoon.

Article IX

This Treaty shall continue in force for five years from the date of its coming into force and shall thereafter remain in force :

Provided that after the termination of the said period of five years either party may give to the other party a notice of not less than six months intimating its intention to terminate this Treaty and on the expiry of the period of such notice this Treaty shall cease to be in force.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the said Plenipotentiaries have signed this Treaty in the Thai, Burmese and English languages (the English text shall prevail in case of conflict between the three texts) and have affixed hereto their Seals.

DONE in duplicate in Bangkok this Fifteenth Day of the Tenth Month of the Two thousand four hundred and ninety-ninth Year of the Buddhist Era, corresponding to the Fifteenth Day of October of the One thousand nine hundred and fifty-sixth Year of the Christian Era.

For His Majesty the King of Thailand :

(Signed) Prince WAN WAITHAYAKON KROMMÜN NARADHIP BONGSPRABANDH

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For the President of the Union of Burma :

(Signed) U PE KIN

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