

No. 4030

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
GREECE**

**Agreement concerning the status of United States forces
in Greece. Signed at Athens, on 7 September 1956**

Official texts: English and Greek.

Registered by the United States of America on 25 October 1957.

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
GRÈCE**

**Accord concernant le statut des forces américaines en
Grèce. Signé à Athènes, le 7 septembre 1956**

Textes officiels anglais et grec.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 25 octobre 1957.

No. 4030. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE KINGDOM OF GREECE CONCERNING THE STATUS OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN GREECE. SIGNED AT ATHENS, ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1956

The United States of America and the Kingdom of Greece having entered into a Military Facilities Agreement on October 12, 1953,² and having become parties to the "Agreement Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of Their Forces", dated June 19, 1951,³ agree upon the following regarding the status of United States forces in Greece.

Article I

1. Paragraph 1, Article III of the Agreement between the Governments of the United States of America and the Kingdom of Greece concerning Military Facilities, dated October 12, 1953, is abrogated except insofar as it refers to the Memorandum of Understanding dated February 4, 1953,⁴ which shall continue in effect.

2. "Agreement between the Parties of the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of Their Forces", dated June 19, 1951, shall govern the status of the forces of the United States in Greece as well as members of these forces, members of the civilian component, and their dependents, who are in Greece and who are serving in that country in furtherance of objectives of the North Atlantic Treaty⁵ Organization, or who are temporarily present in Greece.

Article II

1. The Greek authorities, recognizing that it is the primary responsibility of the United States authorities to maintain good order and discipline where persons subject to United States military law are concerned, will, upon the request of the United States authorities, waive their primary right to exercise jurisdiction under Article VII, paragraph 3 (c) of that Agreement, except when they determine that it is of particular importance that jurisdiction be exercised by the Greek authorities.

¹ Came into force on 7 September 1956, the date of signature, in accordance with article V.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 191, p. 319, and Vol. 269, Annex A, No. 2589.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 199, p. 67; Vol. 200, p. 340, and Vol. 260, p. 452.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 189, p. 6.

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 34, p. 234; Vol. 126, p. 350, and Vol. 243, p. 308.

2. In those cases where, in accordance with the foregoing paragraph, there is waiver of jurisdiction by the Greek authorities, the competent United States authorities shall inform the Greek Government of the disposition of each such case.

Article III

1. In such cases where the Government of Greece may exercise criminal jurisdiction as provided for in Article II above, the United States authorities shall take custody of the accused pending completion of trial proceedings. Custody of the accused will be maintained in Greece. During the trial and pretrial proceedings the accused shall be entitled to have a representative of the United States Government present. The trial shall be public unless otherwise agreed.

Article IV

1. In civil matters, including damages arising from automobile accidents, Greek courts will exercise jurisdiction as provided in Article VIII of NATO Status of Forces Agreement.

Article V

This agreement will come into force from the date on which it is signed.

DONE at Athens in duplicate, in the English and Greek languages, the two texts having equal authenticity, this 7th day of September, 1956.

For the United States
of America :
Ray L. THURSTON
[SEAL]

For the Kingdom
of Greece :
Averoff TOSITSAS
[SEAL]