

No. 4564

**UNITED NATIONS
and
HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN**

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement concerning arrangements for the stationing in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan of a subsidiary organ of the United Nations under the charge of a Special Representative of the Secretary-General. Amman, 8 and 18 November 1958

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
et
ROYAUME HACHÉMITE DE JORDANIE**

Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif à la présence, dans le Royaume hachémite de Jordanie, d'un organe subsidiaire des Nations Unies placé sous l'autorité d'un Représentant spécial du Secrétaire général. Amman, 8 et 18 novembre 1958

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No. 4564. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE STATIONING IN THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN OF A SUBSIDIARY ORGAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNDER THE CHARGE OF A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. AMMAN, 8 AND 18 NOVEMBER 1958

I

Amman, 8 November 1958

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the agreement between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and your Government for the stationing in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan of a subsidiary organ of the United Nations under the charge of a Special Representative of the Secretary-General, as a "practical arrangement" within the purview of the resolution of the General Assembly of 21 August 1958,² with the task of helping to uphold the principles and purposes of the Charter in relation to Jordan in present circumstances, including the development of a good-neighbour policy towards Jordan.

2. In view of the special functions and importance of this United Nations organ, I have the honour to propose that your Government extend to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and to officials of the United Nations assigned to his staff—over and above the status which they and the organ enjoy under the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,³ to which your Government acceded on 3 January 1958⁴—the privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities which are enjoyed by diplomatic envoys in accordance with international law. The privileges and immunities necessary for the full exercise of the functions of the United Nations organ will also include freedom of entry and departure, without delay or hindrance, of its personnel

¹ Came into force on 27 September 1958, the date of arrival in Jordan of the Special Representative, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Third Special Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/3905)*, p. 1, resolution 1237 (ES-III).

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 1, pp. 15 and 263; Vol. 4, p. 461; vol. 5, p. 413; Vol. 6, p. 433; Vol. 7, p. 353; Vol. 9, p. 398; Vol. 11, p. 406; Vol. 12, p. 416; Vol. 14, p. 490; Vol. 15, p. 442; Vol. 18, p. 382; Vol. 26, p. 396; Vol. 42, p. 354; Vol. 43, p. 335; Vol. 45, p. 318; Vol. 66, p. 346; Vol. 70, p. 266; Vol. 173, p. 369; Vol. 177, p. 324; Vol. 180, p. 296; Vol. 202, p. 320; Vol. 214, p. 348; Vol. 230, p. 427; Vol. 231, p. 347; Vol. 247, p. 384; Vol. 248, p. 358; Vol. 252, p. 308; Vol. 254, p. 404; Vol. 261, p. 373; Vol. 266, p. 363; Vol. 270, p. 372; Vol. 271, p. 382; Vol. 280, p. 346; Vol. 284, p. 361; Vol. 286, p. 329, and Vol. 308.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 284, p. 361.

and property, and full freedom of movement throughout Jordan, subject to the understanding that the responsibility will rest with the United Nations to carry out any security measures with regard to transport by United Nations vehicles, taking due account of local laws and regulations in this respect; the right to fly the United Nations flag on its premises and vehicles or otherwise in connexion with its official business; the right to operate United Nations vehicles and the use of United Nations registration plates; the recognition of personal identity cards to be issued by the Special Representative; the right of unrestricted communication by radio, through the operation of fixed or mobile sending and receiving stations within Jordan, and for connexion with the United Nations radio network, as well as by telephone, telegraph or other means; and the use of airfields by aircraft in the service of the United Nations without the payment of fees or charges except those directly related to services rendered.

3. It is my understanding that your Government will assist in providing, at the request of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, such premises as may be necessary for the accommodation and fulfillment of the functions of the United Nations organ, these to be inviolable and subject to the exclusive control and authority of the Special Representative. I likewise understand that the Special Representative may call upon your Government for assistance in the acquisition of living accommodations for the personnel serving with him and for the procurement of such supplies and equipment that the Special Representative may request and that are locally available.

4. Finally, it is my understanding that your Government will, to the extent requested, render assistance to the Special Representative in the recruitment of local staff, who shall enjoy immunity concerning official acts provided in Section 18 (a) of the Convention and freedom of movement within Jordan in the exercise of their official functions, and that their appointment and service shall be upon conditions to be within the exclusive authority of the Special Representative.

5. If these proposals meet with the approval of your Government I should like to suggest that this letter and your reply should constitute an agreement between the United Nations and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, to take effect from 27 September 1958, the date of the arrival in Jordan of the Special Representative.

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

P. P. SPINELLI
Special Representative of the Secretary-General

His Excellency Mr. Samir Rifai
Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Amman

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

No. 1/103/P/10164

Amman, 18 November 1958

Mr. Pier Spinelli
United Nations Ambassador
Amman

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 8 November 1958 in the following terms :

[*See letter I*]

I am happy to inform you that the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has decided to approve the foregoing and to consider your letter aforementioned and this reply as constituting an agreement between the Jordanian Government and the United Nations, to take effect from 27 September 1958.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Samir AL-RIFAI
Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Copy to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

III

Amman, 8 November 1958

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my letter of even date which sets forth proposed arrangements for the stationing in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan of a subsidiary organ of the United Nations under the charge of a Special Representative of the Secretary-General, which, together with your reply dated 8 November 1958, constitutes an agreement between the United Nations and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan with effect from 27 September 1958.

I have the honour now to confirm the understanding we have reached concerning interpretation of certain of the proposals agreed upon in the exchange of letters under reference :

With respect to the arrangements described in paragraph 3 of my letter under reference, it is understood and agreed that payment would be made at reasonable rates, for any privately owned accommodation, and for supplies and equipment obtained by the Special Representative with the assistance of your Government.

With reference to the status of local staff described in paragraph 4 of my letter under reference, it is understood that, although local staff engaged by the Special Representative shall be subject to national laws in general, their status with respect to jurisdictional immunity concerning official acts is governed by Section 18 (a) of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

I would be most grateful for written confirmation that the interpretations described above meet with the approval of your Government.

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

P. P. SPINELLI

Special Representative of the Secretary-General

His Excellency Mr. Samir Rifai
Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Amman

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

No. 1/103/P/10166

Amman, 18 November 1958

Mr. Pier Spinelli
United Nations Ambassador
Amman

With reference to your letter dated 8 November 1958 containing the text of the mutual understanding reached concerning the interpretation of certain of the points agreed upon pursuant to your letter dated 8 November 1958 and my reply No. 1/103/P/10164 dated 18 November 1958, I wish to inform you that the Jordanian Government confirms the interpretations agreed upon as described in your letter aforementioned.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Samir AL-RIFAI
Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Copy to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.