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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
GHANA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to
duty-free entry and exemption from internal taxation
of relief supplies and packages. Accra, 9 April 1959**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
GHANA**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'entrée
en franchise des fournitures et paquets de secours
et à leur exonération des impôts intérieurs. Accra,
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No. 4897. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GHANA RELATING TO DUTY-FREE ENTRY AND EXEMPTION FROM INTERNAL TAXATION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES AND PACKAGES. ACCRA, 9 APRIL 1959

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of External Affairs of Ghana

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 13

Accra, April 9, 1959

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to conversations between representatives of our two Governments concerning measures to facilitate private manifestations of friendship between the peoples of our two countries through voluntary gifts of food and other basic supplies by individuals and organizations in the United States to individuals and organizations in Ghana. I also have the honor to confirm the understandings reached as a result of those conversations, as follows :

1. The Government of Ghana shall accord duty-free entry into Ghana, as well as exemption from internal taxation, of supplies of goods approved by the Government of the United States, donated to or purchased by United States voluntary, nonprofit relief and rehabilitation agencies qualified under United States Government Regulations, and consigned to such organizations, including branches of these agencies in Ghana which have been or hereafter shall be approved by the Government of Ghana.

2. Such supplies may include goods of types qualified for ocean freight subsidy under applicable United States Government Regulations, such as basic necessities of food, clothing and medicines, and other relief supplies and equipment in support of projects of health, sanitation, education and recreation, agriculture and promotion of

¹ Came into force on 9 April 1959 by the exchange of the said notes.

small selfhelp industries, but shall not include tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, alcoholic beverages, or items for the personal use of agencies' field representatives.

3. Duty-free treatment on importation and exportation, as well as exemption from internal taxation, shall also be accorded to supplies and equipment imported by organizations approved by both governments for the purpose of carrying out operations under this agreement. Such supplies and equipment shall not include items for the personal use of agencies' field representatives.

4. The cost of transporting such supplies and equipment (including port handling, storage, and similar charges, as well as transportation) within Ghana to the ultimate beneficiary will be borne by the Government of Ghana.

5. The supplies furnished by the voluntary agencies shall be considered supplementary to rations to which individuals would otherwise have been entitled.

6. Individual organizations carrying out operations under this Agreement may enter into additional arrangements with the Government of Ghana, and this Agreement shall not be construed to derogate from any benefits secured by any such organizations in existing agreements with the Government of Ghana.

I have the honor to propose that, if these understandings meet with the approval of the Government of Ghana, this note and your Excellency's note in reply constitute an agreement between our two Governments, effective on the date of your Excellency's reply, to remain in force until six months after the receipt by either Government of written notice of the intention of the other Government to terminate it.

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

Wilson C. FLAKE

His Excellency Ako Adjei
Minister of External Affairs
Accra

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The Minister of External Affairs of Ghana to the American Ambassador

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
ACCRA, GHANA

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9th April 1959

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your Note No. 13 of today's date, containing proposals to facilitate private manifestations of friendships between our two countries through voluntary gifts of food and other basic supplies by individuals and organisations approved by the Government of Ghana and to inform you that my Government concurs in these proposals.

My Government further agrees that your Note under reference and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments effective as from the date of this letter and to remain in force until six months after the receipt of either Government of written notice from the other Government of its intention to terminate the agreement.

Accept, Your Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest respect.

Ako ADJEI
Minister of External Affairs

His Excellency Wilson C. Flake
Ambassador of the United States of America