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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
ETHIOPIA**

**Agreement for financing certain educational exchange programs. Signed at Addis Ababa, on 6 December 1961**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 16 July 1962.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
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**Accord relatif au financement de certains programmes d'échanges dans le domaine de l'enseignement. Signé à Addis-Abéba, le 6 décembre 1961**

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No. 6246. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA FOR FINANCING CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS. SIGNED AT ADDIS ABABA, ON 6 DECEMBER 1961

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The Government of the United States of America and the Imperial Government of Ethiopia :

Desiring to promote further mutual understanding between the people of the United States of America and the people of Ethiopia by a wider exchange of knowledge and professional talents through educational activities :

Considering that the Secretary of State of the United States of America may enter into an agreement for financing certain educational exchange programs from currency of Ethiopia held or available for expenditure by the United States for such purposes :

Have agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

There shall be established a commission to be known as the Commission for Educational Exchange between the United States of America and Ethiopia (hereinafter designated "the Commission"), which shall be recognized by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ethiopia as an organization created and established to facilitate the administration of an educational program to be financed by funds made available to the Commission by the Government of the United States of America from funds held or available for expenditure by the United States for such purpose.

Except as provided in Article 3 hereof the Commission shall be exempt from the domestic and local laws of the United States of America as they relate to the use and expenditure of currencies and credits for currencies for the purposes set forth in the present Agreement. Such funds as well as the office equipment and supplies acquired for the furtherance of the Agreement shall be regarded in Ethiopia as property of the Commission, and as such shall be exempt from all domestic laws and taxation.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 6 December 1961, the date of signature, in accordance with article 11.

The funds made available under the present Agreement, within the conditions and limitations hereinafter set forth, shall be used by the Commission or such other instrumentality as may be agreed upon by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ethiopia for the purpose of :

- (1) Financing studies, research, instruction, and other educational activities (i) of or for citizens and nationals of the United States of America in Ethiopia, and (ii) of or for citizens and nationals of Ethiopia in United States of America schools and institutions of learning located in or outside the United States of America ; and
- (2) Financing visits and interchanges between the United States of America and Ethiopia of students, trainees, teachers, instructors and professors.

*Article 2*

In furtherance of the aforementioned purposes, the Commission may, subject to the provisions of the present Agreement, exercise all powers necessary to the carrying out of the purposes of the present Agreement, including the following :

- (1) Plan, adopt and carry out programs in accordance with the purposes of the present Agreement.
- (2) Recommend to the Board of Foreign Scholarships of the United States of America, students, professors, research scholars, teachers, resident in Ethiopia, and institutions of Ethiopia qualified to participate in the program.
- (3) Recommend to the aforesaid Board of Foreign Scholarships of the United States of America such qualifications for the selection of participants in the program as it may deem necessary for achieving the purposes and objectives of the present Agreement.
- (4) Acquire, hold, and dispose of property (other than real estate) in the name of the Commission as the Commission may consider necessary or desirable, provided, however, that the leasing of adequate housing and facilities for the activities of the Commission will be assured.
- (5) Authorize the Treasurer of the Commission or such other person as the Commission may designate to receive funds to be deposited in bank accounts approved by the Secretary of State of the United States of America. The appointment of the Treasurer or such designee shall be approved by the Secretary of State of the United States of America.
- (6) Authorize the disbursement of funds and the making of grants and advances of funds for the authorized purposes of the present Agreement, including payment for transportation, tuition, maintenance and other expenses incident thereto.

- (7) Provide for periodic audits of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Commission as directed by auditors approved by the Secretary of State of the United States of America.
- (8) Incur administrative expenses as may be deemed necessary out of funds made available under the present Agreement.
- (9) With the approval of the Secretary of State of the United States of America and the Government of Ethiopia, administer or assist in administering or otherwise facilitate other programs in furtherance of the purposes of the present Agreement.

#### *Article 3*

All commitments, obligations, and expenditures authorized by the Commission shall be made in accordance with an annual budget, to be approved by the Secretary of State of the United States of America.

#### *Article 4*

The Commission shall consist of eight distinguished members, four of whom shall be citizens of the United States of America and four of whom shall be citizens of Ethiopia. In addition, the principal officer in charge of the Diplomatic Mission of the United States of America to Ethiopia (hereinafter designated "Chief of Mission") shall be Honorary Chairman of the Commission. He shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote by the Commission and shall appoint the first Chairman of the Commission. Thereafter, the Commission shall elect the Chairman from its own membership in accordance with procedures to be established by the Commission. The Chairman as a regular member of the Commission shall have the right to vote. The citizens of the United States of America on the Commission, at least two of whom shall be officers of the United States Foreign Service establishment in Ethiopia, shall be appointed and removed by the Chief of Mission, and one of them shall serve as Treasurer of the Commission. The Ethiopian members shall be appointed and removed by the Government of Ethiopia.

The members shall serve from the time of their appointment until the following December 31, and shall be eligible for re-appointment. Vacancies by reason of resignation, transfer of residence outside of Ethiopia, expiration of service, or otherwise, shall be filled in accordance with the appointment procedure set forth in this Article.

The members shall serve without compensation but the Commission may authorize the payment of the necessary expenses of the members in attending the meetings of the Commission and in performing other official duties assigned by the Commission.

#### *Article 5*

The Commission shall adopt such by-laws and appoint such committees as it shall deem necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the Commission.

*Article 6*

Reports acceptable in form and content to the Government of the United States of America and to the Ethiopian Government shall be made annually on the activities of the Commission to the Secretary of State of the United States of America and to the Government of Ethiopia.

*Article 7*

The principal office of the Commission shall be in the capital city of Ethiopia, but meetings of the Commission and any of its committees may be held in such other places within Ethiopia as the Commission may from time to time determine, and the activities of any of the Commission's officers or staff may be carried on at such places as may be approved by the Commission.

*Article 8*

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ethiopia agree that currency of Ethiopia held or available for expenditure by the Government of the United States of America by reason of the conversion to currency of Ethiopia of the equivalent of approximately U.S.\$250,000 in other currencies accruing to the Government of the United States of America as a consequence of sales made pursuant to a Surplus Agricultural Commodities Agreement, may be used for the purposes of this Agreement.

In addition to the funds provided in the first paragraph of this Article, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ethiopia agree that any other currency of Ethiopia held or available for expenditure by the Government of the United States of America may, in the absence of any objection by the Ethiopian Government, also be used for the purposes of this Agreement.

The performance of this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of appropriations to the Secretary of State of the United States of America when required by the laws of the United States for reimbursement to the Treasury of the United States of America for currency of Ethiopia held or available for expenditure by the United States of America.

The Secretary of State of the United States of America will make available for expenditure as authorized by the Commission, currency of Ethiopia in such amounts as may be required for the purposes of this Agreement but in no event may amounts in excess of the budgetary limitations established pursuant to Article 3 of the present Agreement be expended by the Commission.

*Article 9*

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ethiopia shall make every effort to facilitate the exchange of persons programs author-

ized in this Agreement and to resolve problems which may arise in the operations thereof.

*Article 10*

Wherever, in the present Agreement, the term "Secretary of State of the United States of America" is used, it shall be understood to mean the Secretary of State of the United States of America or any officer or employee of the Government of the United States of America designated by him to act in his behalf.

*Article 11*

The present Agreement may be amended by the exchange of diplomatic notes between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ethiopia.

The present Agreement shall come into force upon the date of signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Addis Ababa in duplicate, this 6th day of December, 1961.

For the Government  
of the United States of America :

Arthur L. RICHARDS

For the Imperial Government  
of Ethiopia :

Gabre MESKAL KIFLE-EGZI