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WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Colombia desire to join in an Alliance for Progress based upon self-help, mutual effort and common sacrifice, designed to help satisfy the wants of the people of Latin America for better homes, work, land, health and schools, and

WHEREAS the Act of Bogotá² recommended that there should be established an Inter-American program for social development directed to carrying out measures for improving rural living, land use, housing, community facilities, educational systems, training facilities, and public health, and for the mobilization of domestic resources, and

WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Colombia agree upon the need for specific plans of action designed to foster economic progress and improvements in the welfare and level of living of all peoples of Latin America, and

WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America intends to furnish such economic, technical and related assistance to the Latin American countries participating in the Alliance for Progress as may be requested by them and approved by the Government of the United States of America in the light of the resources available to it and of the programs and self-help measures provided for in the Act of Bogotá;

NOW THEREFORE the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Colombia hereby agree as follows :

Article I

To assist the Government of Colombia in its national development and in its efforts to achieve economic and social progress through effective use of its own resources and other measures of self-help, the Government of the United States of America will furnish such economic, technical and related assistance as may hereafter be requested by representatives of appropriate agencies of the Government of Colombia and approved by representatives of the agency or

¹ Came into force on 23 July 1962, upon signature, in accordance with article VI (1).

² United States of America : *Department of State Bulletin*, 3 October 1960, p. 537.

agencies designated by the Government of the United States of America to administer its responsibilities hereunder. Such assistance shall be made available in accordance with written arrangements agreed upon between the above-mentioned representatives.

Article II

To foster its economic and social progress, the Government of Colombia will make the full contribution permitted by its resources and general economic condition to its development program and to programs and operations related thereto, including those conducted pursuant to this Agreement, and will give full information to the people of Colombia concerning programs and operations hereunder. The Government of Colombia will take appropriate steps to insure the effective use of assistance furnished pursuant to this Agreement and will afford every opportunity and facility to representatives of the Government of the United States of America to observe and review programs and operations conducted under this Agreement and will furnish whatever information they may need to determine the nature and scope of operations planned or carried out and to evaluate results.

Article III

The Government of Colombia will receive a special mission and its personnel to discharge the responsibilities of the Government of the United States of America hereunder and will consider this special mission and its personnel as part of the diplomatic mission of the Government of the United States of America in Colombia for the purpose of receiving the privileges and immunities accorded to that mission and its personnel of comparable rank.

Article IV

In order to assure the maximum benefits to the people of Colombia from the assistance to be furnished hereunder :

- (a) Property or funds used¹ to be used in connection with this Agreement by the Government of the United States of America or any contractor financed by that Government shall be exempt from any taxes on ownership or use and any other taxes, investment or deposit requirements, and currency controls in Colombia, and the import, export, acquisition, use or disposition of any such property or funds in connection with this Agreement shall be exempt from any tariffs, customs duties, import or export restrictions, import and export taxes, taxes on purchase or disposition and any other taxes or similar charges in Colombia.

¹ According to the information provided by the United States of America, this should read "used or".

- (b) All persons, except citizens or permanent residents of Colombia, who are present therein to perform work pursuant to this Agreement, shall be exempt from income and social security taxes levied under the laws of Colombia, and from taxes on the purchase, ownership, use or disposition of personal movable property (including automobiles) intended for their own use. Such persons and members of their families shall receive the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs and import and export duties on personal movable property (including automobiles) imported into Colombia for their own use, as in¹ accorded by the Government of Colombia to diplomatic personnel of the American Embassy in Colombia.

Article V

Funds used for purpose of furnishing assistance hereunder shall be convertible into currency of Colombia at the rate providing the largest number of units of such currency per U.S. dollar which, at the time conversion is made, is not unlawful in Colombia.

Article VI

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the two Governments and shall remain in force until 90 days after the date of the communication by which either Government gives written notification to the other of its intention to terminate it. In such event, the provision of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to assistance furnished² pursuant to this Agreement before such termination.

2. All or any part of the program of assistance provided hereunder may, except as may otherwise be provided in arrangements agreed upon pursuant to Article I hereof, be terminated by either Government, provided there is 90-day advance notice given to the other Government in writing if that Government considers that because of changed conditions the continuation of such assistance is unnecessary or undesirable. The termination of such assistance under this provision may include the termination of deliveries of any commodities hereunder not yet delivered.

3. The furnishing of assistance under this Agreement shall be subject³ the applicable laws and regulations of the Government of the United States of

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² According to the information provided by the United States of America, this word should read "furnished".

³ According to the information provided by the United States of America, this should read "subject to".

America, and the receipt of such assistance by the Government of Colombia shall be subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the Government of Colombia.

4. The two Governments or their designated representatives shall, upon request of either of them consult regarding any matter on the application, operation or amendment of this Agreement.

5. Upon its entry into force, this Agreement will supersede the Agreement relating to general technical cooperation effected by an exchange of notes signed at Bogotá March 5, and 9, 1951,¹ as extended and amended by the Agreement effected by an exchange of notes signed at Bogotá on December 20 and 27, 1951,² and the Agreement relating to economic assistance effected by an exchange of notes signed at Washington on March 30 and April 4, 1961.³ Arrangements or agreements implementing the above mentioned Agreement, as amended and extended, and concluded prior to the entry into force of this Agreement shall, from such date of entry into force, be subject to this Agreement.

DONE in Bogotá, Colombia on July 23, 1962, in quadruplicate, two in the English language and two in the Spanish language, all being authentic.

For the Government
of the United States of America :

Fulton FREEMAN
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of the United States of America

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¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 141, p. 15.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 179, p. 235.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 405, p. 55.