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No. 7226. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE FOR FINANCING EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS. SIGNED AT ATHENS, ON 13 DECEMBER 1963

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Greece :

Desiring to promote further mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States of America and Greece by a wider exchange of knowledge and professional talents through educational activities;

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

There shall be established a foundation to be known as the United States Educational Foundation in Greece (hereinafter designated " the Foundation "), which shall be recognized by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Greece as an organization created and established to facilitate the administration of an educational program to be financed by funds made available by the Government of the United States of America. Except as provided in Article 3 hereof the Foundation shall be exempt from the domestic and local laws of the United States of America and Greece as they relate to the use and expenditure of currencies and credits for currencies for the purposes set forth in the present Agreement.

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

(1) financing studies, research, instruction, and other educational activities (i) of or for citizens and nationals of the United States of America in Greece, and (ii) of or for citizens and nationals of Greece in United States of America schools and institutions of learning in or outside the United States of America;

(2) financing visits and interchanges between the United States of America and Greece of students, trainees, teachers, instructors and professors; and,

¹ Came into force on 13 December 1963, upon signature, in accordance with article 16.

(3) financing such other related educational and cultural programs and activities as are provided for in budgets approved in accordance with Article 3 hereof.

Article 2

In furtherance of the aforementioned purposes, the Foundation 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) Receive funds.

(2) Open and operate bank accounts in the name of the Foundation in a depository or depositories to be designated by the Secretary of State.

(3) Disburse funds and make grants and advances of funds for the authorized purposes of the Foundation, including payment for transportation, tuition, maintenance, and other expenses incident thereto.

(4) Acquire, hold, and dispose of property in the name of the Foundation as the Board of Directors of the Foundation may consider necessary or desirable, provided, however, that the acquisition of any real property shall be subject to the prior approval of the Secretary of State.

(5) Plan, adopt, and carry out programs, in accordance with the purposes of the present Agreement.

(6) Recommend to the Board of Foreign Scholarships of the United States of America students, trainees, professors, research scholars, teachers, instructors, Greek citizens and nationals resident in Greece, and institutions of Greece to participate in the program.

(7) Recommend to the aforesaid Board of Foreign Scholarships such qualifications for the selection of participants in the programs as it may deem necessary for achieving the purpose and objectives of the Foundation.

(8) Provide for periodic audits of the accounts of the Foundation as directed by auditors selected by the Secretary of State.

(9) Engage administrative and clerical staff and fix and pay the salaries and wages thereof and incur other administrative expenses as may be deemed necessary out of funds made available under the present Agreement.

(10) Administer or assist in administering or otherwise facilitate educational and cultural programs and activities that further the purposes of the present

Agreement but are not financed by funds made available under the Agreement, provided, however, that such programs and activities and the Foundation's role therein shall be fully described in annual or special reports made to the Secretary of State and to the Minister of Foreign Affairs as provided in Article 7 hereof, and provided that no objection is interposed by either the Secretary of State or the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Foundation's actual or proposed role therein.

Article 3

All commitments, obligations, and expenditures by the Foundation shall be made pursuant to an annual budget to be approved by the Secretary of State.

Article 4

The Foundation shall not enter into any commitment or create any obligation which shall bind the Foundation in excess of the funds actually on hand nor acquire, hold, or dispose of property except for the purposes authorized in the present Agreement.

Article 5

The management and direction of the affairs of the Foundation shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of eight directors (hereinafter designated the "Board").

The principal officer in charge of the Diplomatic Mission of the United States of America to Greece (hereinafter designated "Chief of Mission") shall be Honorary Chairman of the Board and shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie-vote by the Board. He shall have the power of appointment and removal of all members of the Board at his discretion. The members of the Board shall be as follows: (a) the chief Public Affairs Officer of the United States Embassy in Greece, or such other Embassy officer as designated by the Chief of Mission, to serve as Chairman; (b) one other member of the Embassy staff, who shall serve as Treasurer; (c) two citizens of the United States of America, who may be representatives of American business, professional or educational interests in Greece, or members of the Embassy staff; and (d) four nationals of Greece, one of whom shall be prominent in the field of education.

The six members specified in (c) and (d) of the last preceding paragraph shall be resident in Greece and shall serve from the time of their appointment until

the succeeding December 31st next following such appointment. They shall be eligible for reappointment. The United States members shall be designated by the Chief of Mission; the Greek members shall be designated by the Chief of Mission and shall be chosen from a list of names submitted to him by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Vacancies by reason of resignations, transfer of residence outside of Greece, or expiration of term of service, or otherwise, shall be filled in accordance with this procedure.

The Directors shall serve without compensation, but the Foundation is authorized to pay the necessary expenses of the Directors in attending meetings of the Board.

Article 6

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

Article 7

Reports as directed by the Secretary of State shall be made annually on the activities of the Foundation to the Secretary of State and to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Special reports may be made more often at the discretion of the Board or at the request of the Secretary of State.

Article 8

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

Article 9

The Board may appoint an Executive Officer and determine his salary and term of service, provided however, that in the event it is found to be impracticable for the Board to secure an appointee acceptable to the Chairman, the Government of the United States of America may provide an Executive Officer and such assistants as may be deemed necessary to ensure the effective operation of the program. The Executive Officer shall be responsible for the direction and supervision of the Board's programs and activities in accordance with the Board's resolutions and directives. In his absence or disability, the Board may appoint a substitute for such time as it deems necessary or desirable.

Article 10

The decisions of the Board in all matters may, in the discretion of the Secretary of State, be subject to his review.

Article 11

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Greece agree that there may be used for the purposes of this Agreement any funds held or available for expenditure by the Government of the United States of America for such purposes, including the equivalent of not less than \$678,944 in the currency of Greece requested or to be requested by the Government of the United States of America from the Government of Greece pursuant to the Letter Credit Agreements of May 16, 1946; September 25, 1946; October 4, 1946; May 15, 1947; and January 6, 1948.¹ The Government of Greece shall guarantee the United States of America against loss resulting from devaluation or change of currency with respect to any currency of Greece received pursuant to such Letter Credit Agreements for the purposes of this Agreement and held by the Treasurer of the United States of America or by the Foundation, by undertaking to pay to the Government of the United States of America such amounts of Greek currency as are necessary to maintain the dollar value of such currency held by the Treasurer of the United States of America or the Foundation.

The Secretary of State will make available for expenditure by the Foundation funds in such amounts as may be required for the purposes of this Agreement but in no event may amounts in excess of the budgetary limitation established pursuant to Article 3 of the present Agreement be expended by the Foundation.

The performance of this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of appropriations to the Secretary of State when required by the laws of the United States of America.

Article 12

Furniture, equipment, supplies, and any other articles intended for official use of the Foundation shall be exempt in the territory of Greece from customs duties, excises, and surtaxes, and every other form of taxation.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 184, p. 230.

All funds and other property used for the purposes of the Foundation, and all official acts of the Foundation within the scope of its purposes shall likewise be exempt from taxation of every kind in the territory of Greece.

Article 13

The Government of Greece shall extend to citizens and nationals of the United States of America engaged in educational or cultural activities in Greece under the auspices of the Foundation such privileges with respect to exemption from taxation, and other burdens affecting the entry, travel, and residence of such persons as are extended to citizens and nationals of Greece engaged in similar activities in the United States of America.

Article 14

Wherever, in the present Agreement, the term "Secretary of State" 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. Likewise, wherever in the present Agreement the term "Minister of Foreign Affairs" is used, it shall be understood to mean the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Greece or any officer or employee of the Government of Greece designated by him to act in his behalf.

Article 15

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 Greece.

Article 16

The present Agreement supersedes the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Greece signed at Athens April 23, 1948,¹ as amended by the exchanges of notes dated March 16 and April 13, 1951,² June 28, 1954,³ March 12 and June 4, 1955;⁴ and January 23, 1959 and November 22, 1960.⁵

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 74, p. 107.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 223, p. 320.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 223, p. 322.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 261, p. 392.

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 406, p. 292.

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 Athens in duplicate, in the English and Greek languages, this 13th day of December, 1963.

For the Government of the United States of America :
Henry R. LABOUISSÉ

For the Government of Greece :
S. VENIZELOS
