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**UNITED NATIONS
and
VENEZUELA**

Agreement regarding the arrangements for the twelfth session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America at Caracas (with annexes). Signed at Santiago, on 18 November 1966

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Accord relatif à l'organisation, à Caracas, de la douzième session de la Commission économique des Nations Unies pour l'Amérique latine (avec annexes). Signé à Santiago, le 18 novembre 1966

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 8529. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA AND THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA (ECLA) REGARDING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TWELFTH SESSION OF ECLA AT CARACAS. SIGNED AT SANTIAGO, ON 18 NOVEMBER 1966

The United Nations and the Government of Venezuela (hereinafter referred to as “the Government”),

Considering that the Government has invited the Economic Commission for Latin America of the United Nations (ECLA) to hold its twelfth session (hereinafter referred to as “the Conference”) in the city of Caracas, and

Considering that ECLA, by resolution 259 (XI), in which it decided to hold the Conference in the city of Caracas, has accepted the Government’s invitation,

Have agreed as follows :

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article I — Date

The Conference shall be held in the city of Caracas from 2 to 13 May 1967.

Article II — Priorities

The Government shall attribute to all matters covered by this Agreement the necessary priority to ensure the satisfactory organization and efficient functioning of the Conference.

Article III — Liaison

For the purpose of applying this Agreement, the United Nations and the Government shall appoint liaison officers to co-ordinate and carry out the procedures necessary for the organization and functioning of the Conference.

¹ Came into force on 18 November 1966, upon signature, in accordance with article IV.

Article IV — Duration of the Agreement

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in effect until one week following the closing meeting of the Conference.

Article V — Invitations

The United Nations shall be solely responsible for issuing invitations, in accordance with its regulations, to participate in the Conference.

CHAPTER II

ADMINISTRATION

Article VI — Conference rooms, offices, materials and vehicles

The Government shall make available to the United Nations without charge the conference rooms, offices, furniture, installations and facilities required for the Conference and its ancillary services (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Conference area"), as listed in annex 1¹ to this Agreement. It shall also make available the materials, furniture, equipment and vehicles listed in annex 2.¹

Article VII — Installation of the equipment made available by the Government

The Government shall have installed at its expense the furniture, equipment and other facilities which it is to make available to the United Nations under this Agreement, in order that they may be utilized at the Conference.

Article VIII — Costs

All utility services, equipment, furniture, local services and other facilities which the Government is to make available under this Agreement may be utilized by the United Nations free of charge. The United Nations shall pay for telephone calls made and cables sent by its duly authorized officers from the Conference area and for its own diplomatic pouches.

Article IX — Staff

The United Nations shall make available at its expense the services of professional and technical staff for the conduct of the Conference, translation,

¹ The text of Annexes 1, 2 and 3, which merely gives a description of equipment, facilities and staff required for the Conference and its ancillary services, is not reproduced herein.

the secretariat of plenary and committee meetings, the preparation of records, administration and press and radio services.

The Government shall make available at its expense the interpretation staff and the temporary local staff enumerated in annex 3¹ of this Agreement who will be required by the United Nations for the Conference.

The United Nations shall engage this personnel, with the co-operation of the Government, according to its requirements for each appointment. While this staff shall be under the technical control of the United Nations, their letters of appointment and contracts shall be signed by the Government, which shall defray their remuneration.

Article X — Compensation

The Government shall pay compensation for any damage to the Conference area, or furniture or equipment therein. The Government further recognizes that the United Nations shall not be held liable for the payment of damages for injuries to persons attending the Conference or for claims for damages, on any grounds whatsoever, arising out of the employment by the Government of Conference staff.

Article XI — Financing of the Conference

The Government shall appropriate funds to meet expenditures incurred under the terms of this Agreement in sufficient time to ensure payment of the preliminary installation and operating costs of the Conference.

CHAPTER III

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Article XII — Privileges and Immunities

In application of the Act on the Immunities and Prerogatives of Foreign Diplomatic Officials of 13 August 1945, the Government shall by Special Resolution extend to delegates or representatives, officials or experts and observers of Member States or of the specialized agencies of the United Nations attending the twelfth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America

¹ See footnote 1, p. 252 of this volume.

(ECLA) the benefit, during their stay in the territory of the Republic of Venezuela, of all the immunities and prerogatives granted to diplomatic officials under the terms of that Act.

Article XIII — Status of the Conference area

The Conference area shall be under the authority of the United Nations, which shall be entitled, by agreement with the Venezuelan authorities, to authorize or prohibit the entry of any person or article to the Conference area.

Article XIV — Measures to ensure the efficient functioning of the Conference

The Government shall take any measures necessary to maintain order within the Conference area and its environs, to ensure the efficient functioning of the Conference and to prevent outside interference of any kind. The Government shall provide such security and police forces as are required for that purpose and for the protection of persons attending the Conference.

Article XV — Freedom of access

1. The Government shall permit the following persons, irrespective of their nationality, to enter, remain in and leave Venezuela while performing their functions in connexion with the Conference :

- (a) Representatives of States Members of the United Nations and their immediate families ;
- (b) United Nations officials and experts and their immediate families ;
- (c) Officials of the specialized agencies and their immediate families ;
- (d) Representatives of non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations ;
- (e) Representatives of press, radio, cinema and other information media accredited by the United Nations ;
- (f) Any other persons formally invited by the United Nations to attend the Conference.

2. Any visas required for the entry to and exit from Venezuela of the persons listed in the foregoing paragraph shall be granted as speedily as possible and free of charge.

Article XVI — Diplomatic pouches

The Government shall grant the United Nations diplomatic pouch privileges, between United Nations Headquarters in New York and the Conference area in Caracas, and between ECLA Headquarters at Santiago and the Conference area. This privilege shall apply from one month before the opening of the Conference to one week after the closing of the Conference.

Article XVII — Customs

Without prejudice to the general conditions laid down in this Agreement, all property of the United Nations and the personal effects of the persons enumerated in Article XV, sub-paragraphs 1 (a), (b) and (c), may be imported and exported to and from Venezuela free of duty and other charges, but shall not be sold within Venezuela except in accordance with the regulations made by the Venezuelan customs authorities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives of the interested parties have signed this Agreement in duplicate, both copies being authentic, in the city of Santiago, this eighteenth day of November 1966.

For the United Nations :

José Antonio MAYOBRE
Executive Secretary
of the Economic Commission
for Latin America

For the Government
of the Republic of Venezuela :

José María MACHÍN
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary in Chile