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**UNITED NATIONS
and
NIGERIA**

**Agreement regarding the arrangements for the eighth session
of the Economic Commission for Africa. Signed at
Lagos, on 7 February 1967**

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
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**Accord relatif à l'organisation de la huitième session de la
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No. 8544. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA REGARDING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA. SIGNED AT LAGOS, ON 7 FEBRUARY 1967

Whereas, upon the invitation of the Government of Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as the Government), the eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa (hereinafter referred to as the Session) shall be held in Lagos from 13 February to 25 February 1967 (if necessary, to be prolonged at the decision of the Session), therefore the United Nations and the Government hereby agree as follows :

I. PREMISES, EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES

- (1) The Government shall make available at its expense such conference rooms and offices in the city of Lagos as will be necessary for the Session. These facilities shall include one large conference room for plenary meetings and a further large room for committee meetings, with a seating capacity of at least 50 participants at table ; one smaller conference room for the Drafting Committees and private meetings of delegations ; a delegates' lounge ; 40 offices for the use of the ECA secretariat and conference staff, including a suitable working area for documents reproduction and documents distribution.
- (2) The Government shall at its expense furnish, equip and maintain in good repair all the afore-mentioned rooms and offices in a manner adequate to the effective conduct of the Session. The large conference room for plenary meetings and the large committee room shall be equipped for simultaneous interpretation in two languages with two interpretation booths in each room constructed at the Government's own expense ; the large conference room for plenary meetings shall also have facilities for sound recording. The Government shall also provide suitable facilities for reception and information desks, registration desks, a documents distribution counter and suitable facilities for the press, radio and film operations.
- (3) The Government shall provide, if possible within the conference area, bank, post office, telephone and cable facilities, a first-aid room with a nurse in attendance and a travel agency.

¹ Came into force on 7 February 1967, upon signature.

(4) The Government shall pay for all necessary utility services including telephone communications of the secretariat of the Session within Lagos, and communications by telex between the secretariat of the Session and the office of the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

(5) The Government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United Nations and its personnel from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims or other demands arising out of any damage to the premises in this conference area or of injuries to persons using such premises or of damages to furniture or equipment provided by the Government except where it is agreed by the parties that the damage to property or injuries to persons was occasioned by the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of any personnel of the United Nations.

(6) The Government shall provide at its expense all stationery and internal reproduction supplies required for the adequate functioning of the Session.

II. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The Government shall assure the availability of hotel accommodation, to be paid for at reasonable commercial rates by participants occupying the rooms, for 45 participants at the ministerial level, and approximately 200 further single rooms and 100 for double occupancy. These facilities are to be available not later than 1 February 1967.

III. TRANSPORTATION

The Government shall provide at its expense six chauffeur-driven cars and five chauffeur-driven small buses for use by the senior officers and the staff of the Session. The Government shall also make available at its expense such additional transportation as may be necessary to transport conference participants from the Lagos airport to their hotels, from their hotels to the conference site and return, to and from official receptions and from their hotels to the airport. The Government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United Nations and its personnel from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims or other demands arising out of any damage to person or property caused or suffered in using transportation referred to in this Article, except where it is agreed by the parties that the damage to property or injuries to persons was occasioned by the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of any personnel of the United Nations.

IV. POLICE PROTECTION

The Government shall furnish at its expense such police protection as may be required to ensure the efficient functioning of the Session without interference of any kind. While such services shall be under the direct supervision and control of a senior officer provided by the Government, this officer shall work in close co-operation with the responsible ECA official so as to ensure a proper atmosphere of security and tranquillity.

V. LOCAL PERSONNEL

(1) The Government shall assign a Liaison Officer or Officers, to work with the ECA Administrative Officer to assist the ECA secretariat in its local relations arising out of this Agreement.

(2) The Government shall engage and provide at its expense an adequate number of typists, secretaries, clerks, technicians for the reproduction and distribution of documents, conference room clerks, ushers, messengers, bilingual receptionists, telephone operators and cleaners required for the proper functioning of the Session. An exact list of requirements will be established on the basis of an Administrative Plan for the Session to be drawn up in consultation with the Government. Some of this staff are to be available at least one week before the opening of the Session and one week after its close, at the request of the ECA Administrative Officer.

(3) The Government shall also engage and provide at its expense, the drivers of the cars and buses referred to in Section III above.

(4) The Government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United Nations and its personnel from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims or other demands arising out of the employment for the United Nations of the personnel referred to in this Article.

VI. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

(1) In addition to the items of expense which will be met by the Government, a sum in local currency equivalent to US\$5,000 to meet other miscellaneous local expenses incurred by the United Nations in connexion with the Session, shall be deposited, on request, with the United Nations Development Programme in Nigeria.

(2) The United Nations shall, as soon as possible after the close of the Session, provide to the Government a statement of expenditures incurred against the above-mentioned sum and shall either refund to the Government any balance remaining in this account or seek reimbursement of any expenditure in excess of US\$5,000.

VII PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

(1) The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations¹ shall be fully applicable with respect to the Session. Accordingly, officials of the United Nations performing functions in connexion with the Session shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided in Articles V and VII of the said Convention.

(2) Officials of the Specialized Agencies performing functions in connexion with the Session shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies.²

(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, all participants and all persons performing functions in connexion with the Session shall enjoy such privileges and immunities, facilities and courtesies, as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connexion with the Session.

(4) Representatives of Members and Associate Members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and representatives or observers from other States Members of the United Nations shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided in Article IV of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. Observers of Members of the Specialized Agencies shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for representatives in Article V of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies

(5) All participants and all persons performing functions in connexion with the Session who are not nationals of Nigeria shall have the right of entry into and exit from the country. They shall be granted facilities for speedy travel. Visas, where required, shall be granted promptly and free of charge.

(6) The area designated under Article I shall be deemed to constitute United Nations premises, and access to the conference area and to office space therein shall be under the control and authority of the United Nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective representatives of the United Nations and of the Government of Nigeria have signed this Agreement this 7th day of February one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

For the United Nations :

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Economic Commission for Africa

For the Government
of Nigeria :

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¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol 1, p. 15, and Vol 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to Vol. 1, p 18)

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol 33, p 261 For the final and revised texts of annexes published subsequently, see Vol 71, p. 318, Vol. 79, p 326; Vol. 117, p 386; Vol. 275, p 298; Vol 314, p 308, Vol 323, p 364; Vol 327, p 326, Vol 371, p 266, Vol 423, p. 284, and Vol. 559, p. 345