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No. 8601. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA REGARDING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF MINISTERS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICA. SIGNED AT ACCRA, ON 8 APRIL 1967

Whereas, upon the invitation of the Government of Ghana (hereinafter referred to as the Government) the First Meeting of Ministers of the Economic Community of West Africa (hereinafter referred to as the Meeting) shall be held in Accra from 27 April to 4 May 1967 (if necessary, to be prolonged at the decision of the Meeting), 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 Accra as will be necessary for the Meeting. These facilities shall include a large conference room for plenary meetings with a seating capacity of at least 100 participants at table ; one smaller conference room for Committee meetings, a delegates' lounge ; 10 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 Meeting. The large conference room for plenary meetings shall be equipped for simultaneous interpretation in two languages with two interpretation booths constructed at the Government's own expense. The Government shall also provide suitable facilities for reception, information and registration desk, a documents distribution counter and suitable facilities for the press.

(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.

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(4) The Government shall pay for all necessary utility services including telephone communications of the secretariat of the Meeting within Accra, and communications by cable between the secretariat of the Conference 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 the conference area or of injuries to persons using such premises or of damages to furniture or equipment provided by the Government.

(6) The Government shall provide at its expense all typewriters, mimeograph machines, stationery and internal reproduction supplies required for the adequate functioning of the Meeting.

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 approximately 60 persons. Single rooms with bath will be required. These facilities are to be available not later than 25 April 1967.

III. TRANSPORTATION

The Government shall provide at its expense three chauffeur driven cars and one chauffeur driven small bus for use by the senior officers and the staff of the ECA secretariat. The Government shall also make available at its expense such additional transportation as may be necessary to transport conference participants from the 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.

IV. POLICE PROTECTION

The Government shall furnish at its expense such police protection as may be required to ensure the efficient functioning of the Conference 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 an Administrative and Liaison Officer to assist the ECA secretariat in its local relations arising out of this agreement.
- (2) The Government shall also engage and provide at its expense an adequate number of typists, secretaries, clerks, etc. required for the proper functioning of the Meeting. An exact list of requirements will be provided by the ECA. This staff is to be available from approximately 25 April 1967 as requested by the ECA secretariat.
- (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 save harmless the United Nations 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 section.

VI. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Government shall contribute to the defraying of the extra costs to the United Nations, estimated at US\$ 7,000, resulting from the convening of the Meeting in Accra rather than at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa. It is understood that the Government will provide air tickets, economy class with 10 kgs excess baggage, for not more than 10 members of the ECA secretariat from Addis Ababa and other points to Accra and return. The balance of these funds, which may be provided in local currency, shall be utilized by the United Nations to meet subsistence and other costs at established United Nations rates for the staff provided by the ECA. All other local expenses required for the servicing of the Meeting will be met by the Ghana Government.

VII. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

- (1) The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations¹ shall be fully applicable with respect to the Meeting. Accordingly, officials of the United Nations performing functions in connexion with the Meeting 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

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

with the Meeting shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies ¹.

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

(4) Representatives of Members and Associate Members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and representatives or observers from other State 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.

(5) All participants and all persons performing functions in connexion with the Meeting who are not nationals of Ghana 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 Ghana have signed this Agreement this eighth day of April one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

For the United Nations :

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Economic Commission for Africa

For the Government
of Ghana :

J. W. HARLEY
Vice Chairman
National Liberation Council

¹ 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 348