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and
IRAN**

**Agreement regarding arrangements for the International
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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
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**Accord relatif aux dispositions à prendre en vue de la
Conférence internationale des droits de l'homme devant
se tenir à Téhéran du 22 avril au 13 mai 1968.
Signé à Téhéran, le 15 février 1968**

Texte officiel anglais.

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No. 8990. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AND THE UNITED NATIONS REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO BE HELD IN TEHERAN 22 APRIL TO 13 MAY 1968. SIGNED AT TEHERAN, ON 15 FEBRUARY 1968

Whereas, by letter of 18 October 1966, the Government of Iran (hereinafter referred to as the Government) made known to the Secretary-General of the United Nations its desire to act as host to the International Conference on Human Rights (hereinafter known as the Conference) and declared that, in offering to act as host for the Conference, the Government had duly taken into consideration the first progress report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference,

Whereas the General Assembly of the United Nations, by resolution 2217 (XXI)² on the International Year for Human Rights, adopted on 19 December 1966, accepted with appreciation the invitation extended by the Government for the Conference to be held in Teheran,

Bearing in mind that, under the terms of resolution 2116 (XX)³ adopted by the General Assembly on 21 December 1965, a Government issuing an invitation for a meeting to be held within its territory agrees to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly and indirectly involved,

Taking also into consideration the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference to the twenty-second session of the General Assembly,

The Government and the United Nations agree that the Conference shall be held in Teheran from 22 April to 13 May 1968, and further agree as follows:

The Government shall, at its expense, make available to the United Nations the New Majlis building in Teheran and shall provide the necessary installations, furniture, equipment, staff and services as described in Sections I to IX below, and shall maintain the premises in a manner adequate for the effective conduct of the Conference.

¹ Came into force on 15 February 1968 by signature, in accordance with the final paragraph.

² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-First Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/6316)*, p. 61.

³ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/6014)*, p. 76.

I. CONFERENCE ROOMS

(a) One large conference room for plenary meetings and for meetings of the Committees of the Conference. This room shall provide seating for 140 delegations of Governments of 4/5 members each; for delegations of 20 United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and regional inter-governmental organizations of 2-3 members each; seating for 200 observers of non-governmental organizations and public, and 75 seats in a separate Press section. Seating on the rostrum for the President and other officers of the Conference, advisers and secretariat, as may be prescribed by the Executive Secretary; tables to seat conference servicing staff such as *précis*-writers, press officers, conference officers.

(b) A second large conference room for meetings of Committees. This shall provide seating for 140 delegations of 2 members each; 20 United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and regional inter-governmental organizations of 1-2 members each; seating for 150 observers of non-governmental organizations and public, and 20 seats in a separate Press section; seating on the rostrum and tables for conference servicing staff as under (a) above.

(c) At least one smaller meeting room for working parties or group meetings to seat 50-70 persons.

(d) The two large conference rooms shall be equipped for simultaneous interpretation from and into five languages; with a microphone at each two table positions, and a headphone for each seat in the room (including the rostrum, secretariat, Press and public). In addition to the interpreters' booths (one booth per language) these conference rooms shall be equipped for sound recording of the discussions. The presidential rostrum in each conference room shall be equipped with a minimum of four microphones.

(e) There shall be facilities for radio/television broadcasts from the two large conference rooms.

(f) The small meeting room or rooms shall be equipped for simultaneous interpretation from and into four languages.

II. AUXILIARY FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE MEETING AREA

The following shall be provided in the meeting area:

(a) A delegates' lounge, restaurant and bar and related facilities for all participants and the secretariat.

(b) A public lobby provided with an information/reception desk; banking, postal, cable, telephone and telex facilities; a travel and transport desk; first-aid service; cloakrooms, news stand, etc., together with the necessary personnel to operate these ancillary services.

(c) A telephone service with switchboard.

III. OFFICES

(a) Three large offices or suites of offices, one for the use of the President, one for the use of the Executive Secretary of the Conference and the third for the use of such officers of the Conference as may be designated by the Executive Secretary.

(b) Adequate offices for the substantive and administrative secretariat and for the translation and stenographic services and the registry, mail and pouch service.

(c) A large room for the use of the interpreters, equipped as a combined office and lounge.

IV. OFFICE EQUIPMENT

(a) The necessary typewriters and office machines, such as dictaphones, playback machines, copying machines, calculating machines.

(b) Inter-office telephone service.

(c) A telex machine and operator to ensure daily transmissions between Teheran and the United Nations Office at Geneva.

V. DOCUMENTS AREA AND EQUIPMENT

(a) A reproduction area equipped with mimeograph machines, collating and stapling equipment, capable of meeting the in-session requirements of the Conference. The documents reproducing and distribution area, and a certain number of other offices shall be made available not later than two weeks before the opening of the Conference.

(b) A distribution area in proximity to the conference rooms equipped with a distribution counter and shelving for the large volume of documentation issued before and during the Conference.

(c) A storage area for paper and supplies.

VI. INFORMATION SERVICE

In addition to the radio/television broadcast facilities mentioned under I (e) above, the Government shall provide a press working area; a briefing room for

correspondents; radio/television studios for interviews and programme preparation; and radio-telephone circuits to Western Europe.

VII. TRANSPORTATION

The Government shall provide, at its expense:

(a) 10 chauffeur-driven cars and 5 mini-buses for use by the officers of the Conference and high officials of the Secretariat.

(b) Adequate transportation between central points in Teheran and the Conference building.

(c) Additional transportation for staff between the building and their hotels as necessitated by shift work, and also from Mehrabad airport to their hotels and from their hotels to the airport.

VIII. LOCAL PERSONNEL

(a) The Government shall provide the engineering and other personnel to ensure the proper functioning of the equipment and facilities referred to in Sections I, II, IV, V and VI above. The Government shall also provide the necessary reproduction operators and distribution staff (the supervisory personnel will be furnished by the United Nations), the necessary clerical staff to assist the substantive staff, house staff, such as huissiers, messengers, maintenance personnel and cleaners, telephone and telex operators, and the drivers of the vehicles referred to in Section VII above.

(b) The local personnel provided by the Government shall be placed under the general supervision of the Executive-Secretary of the Conference.

IX. DOCUMENTATION, STATIONERY AND SUPPLIES

The United Nations shall at its expense provide the stationery required for the adequate functioning of the Conference, including paper and ink for the reproduction of documents, and the Government shall pay the transport and insurance charges for shipment and return as necessary, including an amount corresponding to the cost of transport between Geneva and Teheran of the stocks of documents necessary for the Conference.

X. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

(a) The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,¹ to which Iran is a party, shall be applicable with respect to the Conference. In particular, the Government will accord representatives attending the

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

Conference and all officials of the United Nations connected with the Conference the privileges and immunities set forth in Articles IV and V of the said Convention.

(b) Representatives of States non-members of the United Nations attending the Conference shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as are accorded to representatives of States Members of the Organizations.

(c) Representatives of the specialized agencies and of inter-governmental organizations invited to the Conference shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as are accorded to officials of comparable rank of the United Nations.

(d) The area referred to under Sections I, II, III, V and VI above shall be deemed to constitute United Nations premises, access to which shall be under the authority and control of the United Nations.

(e) The Iranian Government and authorities shall impose no impediment to transit to and from the Conference of the following categories of persons attending the Conference: representatives of Governments and their immediate families; representatives of specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations and their immediate families; officials of the United Nations and their immediate families; observers of non-governmental organizations who may be invited to attend the Conference; representatives of the Press or of radio, television, film or other information agencies accredited by the United Nations at its discretion after consultation with the Government; and other persons officially invited to the Conference by the United Nations. Any visa required for such persons shall be granted promptly and without charge.

(f) The Government shall allow the importation, duty free, of all equipment and shall waive import duties and taxes with respect to supplies necessary for the Conference. It shall issue without delay to the United Nations any necessary import and export permits.

(g) The Government shall issue to the United Nations an import permit for the limited supplies needed by the United Nations for official requirements and entertainment schedule of the Conference.

XI. 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 police 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 United Nations official so as to ensure a proper atmosphere of security and tranquillity.

XII. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to making the above-mentioned facilities available to the Conference, the Government in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2116 (XX),

shall assume responsibility for the additional expenditures to the United Nations budget resulting from the convening of the Conference in Teheran rather than at the United Nations Office at Geneva, estimated at \$225,400. Reimbursement to the United Nations shall take place as soon as possible after the closing of the Conference and not later than 31 December 1968.

XIII. LIABILITY FOR CLAIMS

The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any actions, claims or other demands arising out of (a) injury or damage to person or property in the premises or other areas made available in connexion with the Conference, (b) injury or damage to person or property caused by, or incurred in using, the transportation referred to in article VII, (c) the employment for the Conference of the personnel referred to in article VIII, and the Government shall hold the United Nations and its personnel harmless in respect of any such actions, claims or other demands.

XIV. APPOINTMENT OF A LIAISON OFFICER

The Government shall appoint a liaison officer who will be responsible, in consultation with the Secretariat of the United Nations, for ensuring that all necessary arrangements for the Conference are made.

XV. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) All expenses incurred by the participants in the Conference in respect of hotel or other accommodation in Teheran will be paid by the participants. However, the Government undertakes to ensure that suitable accommodation is available within easy access of the meeting area, and will appoint an official through whom requests for information and reservations may be made.

(b) The Government shall pay for all necessary utility services, including telephone communications of the Secretariat of the Conference within Teheran, and communications by telephone and telex as well as a diplomatic pouch service, between the Secretariat and the United Nations Office at Geneva.

(c) The Government shall defray the expenses of hiring and/or transporting such equipment as is not available locally and of returning it as necessary.

XVI. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between the United Nations and the Government concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement which is not settled by negotiation or other agreed mode of settlement, shall be referred for final decision to a tribunal of three arbitrators, one to be named by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, one to be named by the Government, and the third to be chosen by the first two, or, if they should fail to agree upon a third, then by the President of the International Court of Justice. However, any dispute which involves a

question of principle concerning the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Section 30 of that Convention.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall be in force for the duration of the Conference and for such additional period as is necessary for the preparation and winding up of administrative arrangements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective representatives of the Government of Iran and of the United Nations have signed this Agreement this 15th day of February one thousand nine hundred and sixty eight.

For the Government of Iran:

For the United Nations:

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