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**UNITED NATIONS
and
AUSTRIA**

Agreement regarding the arrangements for the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties. Signed at Vienna, on 12 March 1968

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AUTRICHE**

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No. 9015. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA REGARDING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF TREATIES. SIGNED AT VIENNA, ON 12 MARCH 1968

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the United Nations, by its resolution 2166 (XXI) of 5 December 1966,² decided to convene the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties, the first session in 1968 and the second session in 1969,

WHEREAS the Federal Government of the Republic of Austria (hereinafter referred to as the Government), by a letter of 29 June 1967, invited the United Nations to hold both sessions of the Conference in Vienna,

WHEREAS the General Assembly, by its resolution 2287 (XXII) of 6 December 1967³ decided that the first session of the Conference should be convened in Vienna in March 1968,

WHEREAS the General Assembly, in its above-mentioned resolutions, has defined the objectives, participation and organization of the Conference, and the dates of the first session are to be from 26 March to 24 May 1968,

THEREFORE the Government and the United Nations 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 Neue Hofburg and in close proximity thereto as will be necessary for the holding of the first session of the Conference. These premises shall include: one large conference room for plenary meetings and meetings of the Committee of the Whole of the Conference, with adequate seating for the public and press; one smaller conference room for meetings of the General Committee, the Drafting Committee and working groups; two small rooms for private meetings of delegations; suitable working areas and all necessary equipment for the press and other information media, for documents reproduction and for documents distribution; suitable office accommodation for officers and staff of the Conference; a room for a library and reference centre; a delegates' lounge; and a large room for use by the interpreters as a combined office and lounge.

¹ Came into force on 12 March 1968 by signature, in accordance with section VIII (3).

² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-First Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/6316)*, p. 95.

³ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-Second Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/6716)*, p. 80.

(2) During the first session of the Conference the Government shall at its expense furnish, equip and maintain in good repair all the aforementioned rooms and offices in a manner adequate to the effective conduct of the Conference. The large conference room and the smaller conference room shall be equipped for simultaneous interpretation in five languages and shall also have facilities for sound recording. The Government shall also provide suitable facilities for the press, television, radio and film operations.

(3) The Government shall at its expense furnish and maintain such equipment as mimeograph and other duplicating machines, typewriters with keyboards in the languages needed, tape recorders, and such other equipment as is necessary for the effective conduct of the Conference.

(4) The Government shall provide, within the Conference area, a bank, a post office, and telephone and cable facilities.

(5) The Government shall pay for all necessary utility services including telephone communications of the Secretariat of the Conference within Vienna and communications by telex between the Secretariat of the Conference and the United Nations Office at Geneva.

(6) The United Nations shall provide at its expense all stationery supplies required for the adequate functioning of the Conference.

II. TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATION

(1) The Government shall provide at its expense four chauffeur-driven cars and four station wagons for use by the officers and staff of the Conference. The Government shall also make available at its expense such additional transportation as may be necessary to transport United Nations staff from the airport servicing Vienna to their hotels and from their hotels to the airport.

(2) The Government shall make available facilities to assist delegations, secretariat, press and other participants in the Conference in making hotel reservations for the duration of the Conference.

III. 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.

IV. LOCAL PERSONNEL FOR THE CONFERENCE

(1) The Government shall nominate a liaison officer and a deputy liaison officer between it and the United Nations who shall be responsible for making the necessary arrangements for the holding of the Conference, as set forth in this Agreement.

(2) The Government shall engage and provide at its expense the sound engineers and other technical personnel required to ensure the proper functioning of the facilities referred to in section I, paragraphs (2) and (3) above. The Government shall also engage and provide at its expense document reproduction and distribution staff, meeting officers and such clerical assistance and house staff as may be necessary, such as huissiers, messengers and cleaners, as well as drivers of the cars and station wagons referred to in section II above.

V. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to making the above-mentioned facilities available to the Conference, the Government, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965,¹ shall assume responsibility for the additional expenditures to the United Nations budget, estimated at \$63 700, that may be directly or indirectly incurred as a result of the holding of the first session of the Conference in Vienna rather than at the United Nations Office at Geneva. Reimbursement to the United Nations shall be made as soon as possible after the close of the first session of the Conference and not later than 31 August 1968.

VI. LIABILITY

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 referred to in section I above; (b) injury or damage to person or property caused by, or incurred in using, the transportation referred to in section II above; (c) the employment for the Conference of the personnel referred to in section IV above, and the Government shall hold the United Nations and its personnel harmless in respect of any such actions, claims or other demands.

VII. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

(1) The provisions relating to privileges and immunities in the Agreement between the United Nations and the Republic of Austria regarding the Headquarters of the UNIDO shall be applicable with regard to the Conference. The Convention on the Privileges and immunities of the United Nations² is hereby not affected.

¹ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/6014)*, p. 76.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. I, p. 15, and Vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to Vol. 1, p. 18).

(2) Representatives of Member States attending the Conference and officials of the United Nations concerned with the Conference shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as are accorded to representatives to meetings of the UNIDO and to officials of the UNIDO under the Agreement outlined in paragraph (1).

(3) Representatives of States not members of the United Nations attending the Conference shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as provided for in paragraph (2) above for representatives of Member States.

(4) Observers for the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Conference shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as are accorded to officials of comparable rank of the United Nations.

(5) The Austrian 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; observers of specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations and their immediate families; officials and experts of the United Nations and their immediate families; observers for non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; 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 invited to the Conference by the United Nations on official business. Any visa required for such persons shall be granted promptly and without charge.

(6) The area designated under section I shall be deemed to constitute United Nations premises, and access to these premises shall be under the control and authority of the United Nations.

VIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(1) This Agreement may be modified by written agreement between the United Nations and the Government.

(2) The United Nations will in due course and in good time, and at least within two weeks, inform the Government in writing of the specific capacity, number or nature of the facilities it requires under this Agreement.

(3) This Agreement shall enter into force when signed on behalf of both parties and shall remain in force for the duration of the first session of the Conference and for such time as is necessary for all matters relating to the first session of the Conference to be settled.

(4) Arrangements for the second session of the Conference, so far as not covered in this Agreement, will be the subject of a supplementary agreement between the United Nations and the Government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective representatives of the Federal Government of Austria and of the United Nations have signed this Agreement this twelfth day of March one thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight.

For the United Nations:
on behalf of the Secretary-General,

P. P. SPINELLI
Under-Secretary-General

For the Government
of Austria:

K. WALDHEIM
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