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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
MAURITIUS**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to the  
Peace Corps. Port Louis, 18 March 1971**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT <sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
MAURITIUS RELATING TO THE PEACE CORPS

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*The American Ambassador to the Mauritian Prime Minister*

Port Louis, March 18, 1971

No. 2

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations between representatives of our two Governments and to propose the following understandings with respect to the men and women of the United States of America who volunteer to serve in the Peace Corps and who, at the request of your Government, would live and work for periods of time in Mauritius.

1. The Government of the United States will furnish such Peace Corps Volunteers as may be requested by the Government of Mauritius and approved by the Government of the United States to perform work under the immediate supervision of governmental or private organizations in Mauritius designated by our two Governments. The Government of the United States will provide training to enable the Volunteers to perform more effectively their agreed tasks. The Government of Mauritius will bear such share of the costs of the Peace Corps program incurred in Mauritius as our two Governments may agree should be contributed by it.

2. The Government of Mauritius will accord equitable treatment to the Volunteers and their property; afford them full aid and protection, including treatment no less favorable than that accorded generally to nationals of the United States residing in Mauritius, and fully inform, consult and cooperate with representatives of the Government of the United States with respect to all matters concerning them. The Government of Mauritius will exempt the Volunteers from all taxes on payments which they receive to defray their living costs and on income from sources outside Mauritius, from all customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into Mauritius for their own use at or about the time of their arrival, or

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 18 March 1971, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

within 180 days after their arrival, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration fees) except license fees and taxes or other charges included in the price of equipment, supplies and services.

3. The Government of the United States will provide the Volunteers with such limited amounts of equipment and supplies as our two Governments may agree should be provided by it to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks effectively. The Government of Mauritius will exempt from all taxes, customs duties and other charges, all equipment and supplies introduced into or acquired in Mauritius by the Government of the United States, or any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder.

4. To enable the Government of the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this agreement, the Government of Mauritius will receive a representative of the Peace Corps and such staff of the representative and such personnel of United States private organizations performing functions hereunder under contract with the Government of the United States as are acceptable to the Government of Mauritius. The Government of Mauritius will exempt such persons from all taxes or income derived from the Peace Corps work or sources outside Mauritius, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration fees) except license fees and taxes or other charges included in the prices of equipment, supplies and services. The Government of Mauritius will accord the Peace Corps Representative and his staff the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs duties or other charges on personal property introduced into Mauritius for their own use as is accorded personnel of comparable rank or grade of the Embassy of the United States. The Government of Mauritius will accord personnel of the United States private organizations under contract with the Government of the United States the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs duties or other charges on personal property introduced into Mauritius for their own use as is accorded Volunteers hereunder.

5. The Government of Mauritius will exempt from investment and deposit requirements and currency controls all funds introduced into Mauritius for use hereunder by the Government of the United States or contractors financed by it. Such funds shall be convertible into currency of Mauritius at the highest rate which is not unlawful in Mauritius.

6. Appropriate representatives of our two Governments may make from time to time such arrangements with respect to Peace Corps Volunteers and Peace Corps programs in Mauritius as appear necessary or desirable for the purpose of implementing this agreement. The undertakings of each Government herein are subject to the availability of funds and to the applicable laws of that Government.

I have the further honor to propose that, if these understandings are acceptable to your Government, this note and your Government's reply note

concurring therein shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your Government's note and shall remain in force until ninety days after the date of the written notification from either Government to the other of intention to terminate it.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

WILLIAM D. BREWER

Dr. the Hon. Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, Kt., M.I.A.  
Prime Minister  
Port Louis

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### *The Mauritian Prime Minister to the American Ambassador*

18th March, 1971

No. 18714

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your note of today's date in the following terms:

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of Mauritius, who, therefore, agree that your Note together with this reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

S. RAMGOOLAM  
Prime Minister

His Excellency Mr. William Brewer  
Ambassador for the U.S.A.  
Port Louis