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**UNITED NATIONS
and
ETHIOPIA**

**Agreement regarding the arrangements for the meetings of
the Security Council to be held at Addis Ababa from
28 January 1972 to 4 February 1972 (with annex).
Signed at New York on 22 January 1972**

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
et
ÉTHIOPIE**

**Accord relatif aux arrangements à prendre en vue des
réunions du Conseil de sécurité devant avoir lieu à
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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND
THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA
REGARDING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
MEETINGS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD
AT ADDIS ABABA FROM 28 JANUARY 1972 TO
4 FEBRUARY 1972

PREAMBLE

Whereas the Security Council, in accordance with Article 28, Section 3, of the United Nations Charter, has decided to convene at Addis Ababa, and

Whereas the Government of Ethiopia has extended an invitation to the Security Council to meet at Addis Ababa, and

Whereas Article 105 of the United Nations Charter provides that the Organization shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Members such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the fulfilment of its purposes, and that Representatives of the Members of the United Nations and officials of the Organization shall similarly enjoy such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in the connexion with the Organization, and

Whereas the arrangements for the meetings should be in keeping with the dignity of the Security Council and conducive to efficient dispatch of its functions,

Therefore, the Government of Ethiopia and the United Nations agree as follows:

Article I

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations² shall be applicable with respect to the meetings of the Security

¹ Came into force on 22 January 1972 by signature, in accordance with article IX.

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

Council. Accordingly, the United Nations, Representatives of the Members of the United Nations present in connexion with the meetings of the Security Council, officials of the United Nations performing functions in connexion with those meetings, and experts on mission for the United Nations in connexion with those meetings shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided in said Convention, respectively, for the United Nations, Representatives of Members, officials, and experts on mission for the United Nations.

2. Personnel provided by the Government under Section 4 of the annex to this Agreement shall enjoy immunity from legal process in respect of any words spoken or written, or any act performed by them in their official capacity in connexion with the meetings.

3. Without prejudice to the preceding Sections of this article, all other persons, including representatives of the information media, who are performing official functions in connexion with the meetings, or are invited by the United Nations to attend it, likewise shall enjoy such privileges and immunities, facilities and courtesies as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connexion with the meetings.

Article II

ACCESS AND EXIT

1. The unqualified right of unhindered entry into and exit from Ethiopia shall be observed by all the authorities concerned in respect of the following categories of persons: representatives of Members of the United Nations and their immediate families, officials and experts of the United Nations having official functions in connexion with the meetings and their immediate families, representatives of the press, or of radio, television, film or other information agencies accredited to the United Nations, and other persons officially invited to the meetings by the United Nations.

2. During the period of the meetings including any preparatory or final stage, the buildings, areas and premises referred to in section 2 of the annex to this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute United Nations premises under section 3 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities to the United Nations, and entry thereto shall be subject to the authority and control of the United Nations.

3. The Government shall ensure that no impediment is imposed on transit by the persons mentioned in section 1 of this article to or from the United Nations premises, referred to in section 2 of this article and the residences referred to in article V. They shall also be granted facilities for speedy travel.

4. Visas, entry and exit permits, where required, shall be granted free of charge, as speedily as possible and, not later than two days from the receipt of the application.

Article III

POLICE PROTECTION

The Government shall provide at its expense such police protection as may be required to ensure the efficient functioning of the Security Council without any 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 and contact with the Secretary-General, or another official of the Secretariat designated by the Secretary-General for this purpose, so as to ensure a proper atmosphere of security and tranquillity.

Article IV

MEETING FACILITIES

The Government shall provide the meeting facilities in respect of conference rooms, equipment for simultaneous translation, offices, office equipment and supplies, telephone and cable communications, hotel accommodation, transportation, medical services, personnel and other facilities which are determined in detail in the annex which forms an integral part of this Agreement. The Government shall bear such costs as are provided in the annex.

Article V

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The Government shall ensure that adequate hotel accommodation, as provided in the annex to this Agreement, is available at reasonable commercial rates during the meetings and to the extent required at any preliminary and final stages.

Article VI

LIAISON

The Government shall nominate an official as liaison officer with the United Nations Secretariat. The liaison officer shall ensure that all the arrangements referred to in this Agreement with annex are implemented.

Article VII

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 article V above; (b) injury or damage to person or property caused by, or incurred in using, the meeting facilities referred to in article IV above; (c) the employment for the meetings of the personnel referred to in article I, section 2 above, and the Government shall hold the United Nations and its personnel harmless in respect of any such actions, claims or other demands.

Article VIII

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.

Article IX

GENERAL PROVISION

This Agreement shall enter into force immediately upon signature.

DONE in the English language in duplicate at New York on 22 January 1972.

For the United Nations :

[Signed]

KURT WALDHEIM

Secretary-General

[SEAL]

For the Imperial Government
of Ethiopia :

[Signed]

YOHANNES TSEGHE

Permanent Representative of Ethiopia
to the United Nations

ANNEX FORMING AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA REGARDING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT ADDIS ABABA FROM 28 JANUARY 1972 TO 4 FEBRUARY 1972

Section 1

COSTS

The Government shall bear the costs of the facilities referred to in this annex, except where the annex expressly provides otherwise.

Section 2

CONFERENCE ROOM, SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND OFFICE SPACE

While the arrangements for conference room, special equipment for simultaneous translation in five languages and the necessary office space are being made by the United Nations in accordance with the Agreement of 26 May 1971¹ between the Imperial Government of Ethiopia and the United Nations regarding transfer of title to buildings and lands on which they stand, and additional parcel of land in Addis Ababa, the Government shall bear only the additional costs of such temporary modifications to these facilities as may be necessary because of the meetings of the Security Council in Addis Ababa.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 779, p. 418.

Section 3

COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Government shall ensure that delegations of Members of the United Nations and such representatives of the information media as are referred to in article I, section 3, of this Agreement have unhindered access to commercial world-wide telephone and cable communications in Addis Ababa.

2. The Government shall not bear any costs for the communications facilities referred to in this section.

Section 4

PERSONNEL

1. The Government shall provide the necessary liaison staff, who will work under the direction of the liaison officer referred to in article VI of this Agreement.

2. In addition to the police protection mentioned in article III of this Agreement, the Government shall provide the security personnel necessary to ensure security internal and external to "Africa Hall".

3. The Government shall provide such additional maintenance personnel and messengers as may be required because of the meetings of the Security Council in Addis Ababa.

Section 5

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

1. The Government shall ensure that suitable hotel accommodation is available at reasonable commercial rates for the delegations of Members of the Security Council, other participants in the meetings, officials and experts of the United Nations as well as for such representatives of the information media as are referred to in article I, section 3, of this Agreement.

2. In respect of hotel accommodation, the Government shall bear the cost only of the rooms for officials of the Secretariat. These rooms shall be single rooms with bath.

Section 6

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The Government shall provide suitable transportation for the delegations of Members of the Security Council and for officials and experts of the United Nations on their arrival and departure between the airport and their residences, and as required during the period of the meetings between "Africa Hall" and their residences.