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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
COLOMBIA**

**Basic Agreement for the Peace Corps Program in Colombia.  
Signed at Bogotá on 2 April 1963**

*Authentic texts: Spanish and English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 7 May 1976.*

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## BASIC AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA AND THE UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS FOR THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN COLOMBIA

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The Government of Colombia, represented by Doctor Aurelio Camacho Rueda, Minister of the Interior, identified as shown at the end of this document, hereinafter referred to as "The Government", on the one hand, and the United States Peace Corps, represented by Mr. Christopher B. Sheldon, the Director for Colombia, identified by United States Passport No. YO-37275, hereinafter referred to as "The Peace Corps";

Whereas:

1. The Government wishes to use the services of the United States Peace Corps Volunteers to carry out economic and social development projects in Colombia; and
2. Since the agreement concluded previously, pursuant to Law 24 of 1959 of Colombia, by the Government of Colombia and CARE (Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere) referred only to the specific project of Joint Peace Corps-CARE action, it is necessary to conclude, under that law, a basic agreement between them relating to the special technical assistance program of the Peace Corps.

Have agreed as follows:

### I. The Government of Colombia undertakes:

1. To receive such Peace Corps Volunteers as may arrive in Colombia in accordance with this Agreement and to afford them the aid and protection needed to perform their duties in accordance with the Peace Corps purposes;
2. To inform United States Peace Corps representatives fully concerning all matters relating to the implementation of the Peace Corps program in Colombia in so far as the Government of Colombia is concerned, and to consult and cooperate with the said representatives on all these matters;
3. To receive in Colombia the local Peace Corps Director and such personnel as are needed to carry out the program of the Peace Corps and as are acceptable to the Government of Colombia, whether such personnel are used by the Government of the United States of America directly or by private organizations that, under this Agreement, discharge functions relating to the activities of the Peace Corps by contract with that Government.
4. Pursuant to Colombia Law 24 of 1959:
  - (a) To exempt from duties, import deposits, and all kinds of taxes, fees, and charges, all the equipment and provisions introduced into Colombia for purposes of this Agreement; these exemptions shall include the personal effects of the Peace Corps Volunteers and non-Colombian personnel employed by private organizations under contract with the Government of the United States of America that are introduced into Colombia for personal use, in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (d) and Articles 22, 23, and 24 of Decree 3135 of 1956 of Colombia; but shall not include the articles referred to in Article 37 thereof.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 12 July 1963, the date of receipt by the United States of the notification from Colombia that it had been approved in conformity with its internal laws, in accordance with article IV.

- (b) To exempt Peace Corps Volunteers and non-Colombian personnel employed directly by the Government of the United States of America or by private organizations under contract with that Government, to discharge functions under this Agreement from payment of income and other taxes on all wages, salaries, and allowances, and on all sums of money sent to them by their families or any other income obtained by any of them from sources outside Colombia.
5. To grant the Peace Corps Director in Colombia and the other Peace Corps administrative personnel within the country employed directly by the Government of the United States of America exemption from import licenses, import deposits, customs duties, fees, and charges on personal property introduced into Colombia for their personal use, the same treatment granted by the Government of Colombia to personnel of comparable rank or grade in the Embassy of the United States of America. Article 31 of Decree 3135 will apply to personnel of the United States Government and Article 37 of the same Decree to officials under contract with the Government of the United States.
6. To permit the funds brought into Colombia in connection with the Peace Corps programs to be converted into Colombian currency at the highest rate of exchange, subject to applicable laws.

## II. The Peace Corps undertakes:

1. To recruit its Volunteers in the United States and assign them to those private or governmental organizations in Colombia that request them, in accordance with the various programs requested by the Government of Colombia and accepted by the Peace Corps.
2. To train Volunteers in order that their work may be effective.
3. To provide a representative of the Government of Colombia, at the request of that Government, with the opportunity to participate in the selection of the Volunteers who are to lend their services hereunder.
4. To provide the transportation of the Volunteers from the United States of America to Colombia and for their return trip to the United States when their missions are completed.
5. To provide the Volunteers with the equipment and supplies agreed on by the Contracting Parties herein as necessary for the effective performance of their tasks.

III. The Peace Corps Director for Colombia or other appropriate representatives of the Government of the United States of America may conclude with appropriate representatives of the Government of Colombia and private organizations within Colombia, contracts or agreements to determine the missions of the Peace Corps Volunteers and implement other aspects of this Agreement.

The said contracts or agreements should be consulted and coordinated jointly by the Peace Corps, the Administrative Department of Planning and Technical Services, and the official or private agency interested in the project in question.

IV. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the approval provided for in Article 2 of Law 24 of 1959 of Colombia and shall remain in force until 90 days after the date on which either party notifies the other of its desire to terminate it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is signed at Bogotá, D.E., Republic of Colombia, on\* 1963, in Spanish and English, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of Colombia:

Minister of the Interior,

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For the United States Peace Corps:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

Director for Colombia

Aprobado por el Consejo Nacional de Política Económica y Planeación en la sesión del día 9 de abril de 1963.\*\*

Bogotá, abril 10 de 1963

Secretario,

[Illegible]

República de Colombia:

Consejo de Ministros,

Bogotá, 5 jul. 1963

En sesión de hoy el Consejo de Ministros emitió dictamen favorable acerca del contrato que precede.\*\*\*

El Secretario,

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Presidencia de la República,

Aprobado

Bogotá, D. E., 12 jul. 1963

Presidente de la República, \*\*\*\*

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\*April 2.

\*\*Approved by the National Council of Economic Policy and Planning at its meeting of April 9, 1963; Bogotá, April 10, 1963; Secretary.

\*\*\*Republic of Colombia, Council of Ministers; Bogotá, July 5, 1963. At its meeting today the Council of Ministers adopted a favorable opinion concerning the preceding contract.

\*\*\*\*Office of the President of the Republic; Approved; Bogotá, D.E., July 12, 1963; President of the Republic.

<sup>1</sup> Signed by Dr. Aurelio Camacho Rueda—Signé par Aurelio Camacho Rueda.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by Christopher B. Sheldon—Signé par Christopher B. Sheldon.