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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
BANGLADESH**

**Agreement concerning the establishment of a Peace Corps  
Programme in Bangladesh. Signed at Washington on  
13 July 1978**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 5 December 1979.*

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## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN BANGLADESH

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh,

Recognizing that it is the mandate of the Congress of the United States of America that the Peace Corps promote world peace and friendship by making available, to interested countries and areas, men and women of the United States of America who are willing to serve to help the people of such countries and areas to meet their needs for trained manpower, and to promote mutual understanding between the American people and the people with whom they serve,

Referring to negotiations initiated by the Government of the United States of America through a note delivered by the Government of the United States of America to the Government of Bangladesh on December 3, 1977, and directed toward the establishment of an understanding 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 the Government of Bangladesh, would live and work for periods of time in Bangladesh,

Have agreed as follows:

1. The Government of the United States will furnish such Peace Corps volunteers as may be requested by the Government of Bangladesh and approved by the Government of the United States to perform mutually agreed tasks in Bangladesh. The volunteers will work under the immediate supervision of governmental or private organizations designated by our two Governments. The Government of the United States will provide training to enable the volunteers to perform these agreed tasks more effectively.

2. The Government of Bangladesh will accord equitable treatment to Peace Corps volunteers and volunteer leaders, both as to their persons and their property; afford them, particularly in case of need, full aid and protection, including treatment no less favorable than accorded generally to nationals of the United States residing in Bangladesh; and fully inform and consult and cooperate with representatives of the Government of the United States of America with respect to all matters concerning them.

3. To enable the Government of the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this Agreement, the Government of Bangladesh will receive a Peace Corps representative and staff 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 Bangladesh, who will discharge functions with respect to Peace Corps programs.

4. The Government of Bangladesh will exempt from taxes, customs duties, and other charges, equipment and supplies introduced into Bangladesh by the Government of the United States, or any contractor financed by it, and used for the purpose of establishment of the Office of the Peace Corps representative and its maintenance.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 13 July 1978 by signature.

5. (a) The Government of Bangladesh will exempt Peace Corps volunteers, volunteer leaders, the Peace Corps representative and staff, and personnel of United States private organizations performing functions under this Agreement from immigration fees, from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or from sources outside of Bangladesh and from all other taxes, charges and fees, except licence fees and taxes or other charges or fees included in the prices of equipment, supplies and services.

(b) The Government of Bangladesh will accord the Peace Corps representative and his staff the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs duties, or other charges, on their personal and household effects introduced into Bangladesh for their own use at anytime during their stay in Bangladesh as is accorded personnel of comparable rank or grade of the Embassy of the United States.

(c) The Government of Bangladesh will allow Peace Corps volunteers, volunteer leaders and personnel of the United States private organizations under contract with the Government of the United States performing functions under this Agreement the privileges under S.R.O. No. 133/D/CUS/74 dated this 14th of March 1974 as amended from time to time subject to the conditions and limitations laid down therein. The Government of Bangladesh will also allow Peace Corps volunteers, volunteer leaders and personnel of the United States private organizations on first arrival in Bangladesh the privilege of the entitlement to import free of customs duties, articles forming part of their personal and household effects.

6. The Government of Bangladesh will exempt from investment and deposit requirements and currency controls all funds introduced into Bangladesh for use hereunder by the Government of the United States or contractors financed by it. Such funds shall be convertible into currency of Bangladesh at the rates of exchange authorized by the Bangladesh Bank from time to time.

7. Appropriate representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh may make from time to time such arrangements with respect to Peace Corps volunteers and volunteer leaders and Peace Corps programs in Bangladesh as appear necessary or desirable for purposes 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.

Washington, D.C., July 13, 1978

For the Government  
of the United States of America:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

[Signed — Signé]<sup>3</sup>

For the Government  
of Bangladesh:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by Sam Brown — Signé par Sam Brown.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by Mary E. King — Signé par Mary E. King.

<sup>3</sup> Signed by Gretchen M. Handwerger — Signé par Gretchen M. Handwerger.

<sup>4</sup> Signed by M. R. Siddiqi — Signé par M. R. Siddiqi.