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**ISRAEL, EGYPT  
and  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Exchanges of letters constituting an agreement<sup>1</sup> concerning  
the United States of America's role in the establishment  
and maintenance of the Multinational Force and  
Observers. Washington, 3 August 1981**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered by Israel on 21 October 1983.*

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**ISRAËL, ÉGYPTE  
et  
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Échanges de lettres constituant un accord<sup>1</sup> concernant le rôle  
des États-Unis d'Amérique dans la création et le  
maintien de la Force et du Corps d'observateurs  
multinationaux. Washington, 3 août 1981**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistrés par Israël le 21 octobre 1983.*

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<sup>1</sup> This Agreement is connected with the conclusion of the Protocol of 3 August 1981 relating to the establishment of a Multinational Force and Observers. (Information provided by the Government of Israel.) For the text of the said Protocol, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, volume 1335, No. I-22403 — Cet Accord est lié à la conclusion du Protocole du 3 août 1981 relatif à la création d'une Force et d'un Corps d'observateurs multinationaux. (Information fournie par le Gouvernement israélien.) Pour le texte dudit Protocole, voir le *Recueil des Traités* des Nations Unies, volume 1335, n° I-22403.

EXCHANGES OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL, EGYPT AND  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE ESTABLISH-  
MENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MULTINATIONAL  
FORCE AND OBSERVERS

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1981

Dear Mr. Minister:

I wish to confirm the understandings concerning the United States' role reached in your negotiations on the establishment and maintenance of the Multi-national Force and Observers:

1. The post of the Director-General will be held by U.S. nationals suggested by the United States.

2. Egypt and Israel will accept proposals made by the United States concerning the appointment of the Director-General, the appointment of the Commander, and the financial issues related to paragraphs 24-26 of the annex to the Protocol,<sup>2</sup> if no agreement is reached on any of these issues between the Parties. The United States will participate in deliberations concerning financial matters. In the event of differences of view between the parties over the composition of the MFO, the two sides will invite the U.S. to join them in resolving any issues.

3. Subject to Congressional authorization and appropriations:

- A. The United States will contribute an infantry battalion and a logistics support unit from its armed forces and will provide a group of civilian observers to the MFO.
- B. The United States will contribute one third of the annual operating expenses of the MFO. The United States will be reimbursed by the MFO for the costs incurred in the change of station of U.S. Armed Forces provided to the MFO and for the costs incurred in providing civilian observers to the MFO. For the initial period (July 1, 1981-September 30, 1982) during which there will be exceptional costs connected with the establishment of the MFO, the United States agrees to provide three fifths of the costs, subject to the same understanding concerning reimbursement.
- C. The United States will use its best efforts to find acceptable replacements for contingents that withdraw from the MFO.
- D. The United States remains prepared to take those steps necessary to ensure the maintenance of an acceptable MFO.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 3 August 1981 by the exchange of the said letters.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1335, No. I-22403.

I wish to inform you that I sent today to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt an identical letter, and I propose that my letters and the replies thereto constitute an agreement among the three States.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

ALEXANDER M. HAIG, Jr.

The Honorable Yitzhak Shamir  
Foreign Minister  
Israel

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*The Secretary of State of the United States of America  
to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt*

Dear Mr. Minister:

I wish to confirm the understandings concerning the United States' role reached in your negotiations on the establishment and maintenance of the Multi-national Force and Observers:

1. The post of the Director-General will be held by U.S. nationals suggested by the United States.
2. Egypt and Israel will accept proposals made by the United States concerning the appointment of the Director-General, the appointment of the Commander, and the financial issues related to paragraphs 24-26 of the annex to the Protocol,<sup>1</sup> if no agreement is reached on any of these issues between the Parties. The United States will participate in deliberations concerning financial matters. In the event of differences of view between the parties over the composition of the MFO, the two sides will invite the United States to join them in resolving any issues.
3. Subject to Congressional authorization and appropriations:
  - A. The United States will contribute an infantry battalion and a logistics support unit from its armed forces and will provide a group of civilian observers to the MFO.
  - B. The United States will contribute one third of the annual operating expenses of the MFO. The United States will be reimbursed by the MFO for the costs incurred in the change of station of U.S. Armed Forces provided to the MFO and for the costs incurred in providing civilian observers to the MFO. For the initial period (July 17, 1981-September 30, 1982) during which there will be exceptional costs connected with the establishment of the MFO, the United States agrees to provide three fifths of the costs, subject to the same understanding concerning reimbursement.
  - C. The United States will use its best efforts to find acceptable replacements for contingents that withdraw from the MFO.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1335, No. 1-22403.

D. The United States remains prepared to take those steps necessary to ensure the maintenance of an acceptable MFO.

I wish to inform you that I sent today to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel an identical letter, and I propose that my letters and the replies thereto constitute an agreement among the three States.

Sincerely,

ALEXANDER M. HAIG, Jr.

His Excellency Kamal Hasan Ali  
Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Egypt

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EMBASSY OF ISRAEL  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

3 August 1981

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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have been asked by Foreign Minister Shamir to transmit to you the following message:

“Dear Mr. Secretary: Israel agrees to the contents of your letter dated August 3, 1981, and wishes to express its appreciation to the United States for having helped the two countries to reach this agreement.

“Sincerely, Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister.”

Sincerely,

[Signed]

EPHRAIM EVRON  
Ambassador

The Honorable Alexander M. Haig, Jr.  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D.C.

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EMBASSY OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 3, 1981

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am instructed on behalf of Foreign Minister Ali to transmit the following letter:

Sincerely,

[Signed]

ASHRAF A. GHORBAL  
Ambassador

“Dear Mr. Secretary: Egypt agrees to the contents of your letter dated August 3, 1981, and wishes to express its appreciation to the United States for having helped the two countries to reach this agreement.

“Sincerely, Kamal Hassan Ali, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs.”

The Honorable Alexander M. Haig, Jr.  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D.C.