

DEFENSE

**Agreement between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and ETHIOPIA**

Effected by Exchange of Notes at
Addis Ababa February 21 and 27, 2002



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . . the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

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Entered into force February 27, 2002.*

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments regarding issues related to United States military and civilian personnel of the United States Department of Defense who may be temporarily present in Ethiopia in connection with humanitarian relief, joint exercises and training, and other agreed activities.

As a result of these discussions, the Embassy proposes that such personnel be accorded the status equivalent to that accorded to administrative and technical staff of the United States Embassy under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961, and that they may enter and exit Ethiopia with United States identification and with collective movement or individual travel orders.

The Embassy further proposes that such personnel be authorized to wear uniforms while performing official duties and to carry arms while on duty if authorized to do so by their orders; and that the

Government of Ethiopia accord duty-free importation and exportation as well as exemption from internal taxation on products, property, material, and equipment imported into or acquired in Ethiopia by or for the United States Government in connection with its official activities. Vehicles, vessels, and aircraft owned or operated by or exclusively for the United States Armed Forces shall not be subject to the payment of landing or port fees, pilotage charges, navigation, overflight or parking charges or light and harbor dues while in Ethiopia; however, the United States Armed Forces shall pay reasonable charges for services requested and received.

Finally, the Embassy proposes that both Governments waive any and all claims (other than contractual claims) against each other for damage, loss or destruction of the other's property or injury or death to personnel of the two Governments arising out of the performance of their official duties. The Government of Ethiopia recognizes that it is at all times responsible for ensuring that appropriate precautionary measures are taken to deter individuals who might otherwise enter areas where mines or mine clearance materials might exist.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Ethiopia, the Embassy proposes that this note, together with the Ministry's reply, shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Addis Ababa, February 21, 2002.





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Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

ቀን 27 FEB 2002
Date

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Embassy's note number 061 of 21 February 2002 concerning status of force agreement, which reads as follows:

" The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments regarding issues related to United States military and civilian personnel of the United States Department of Defense who may be temporarily present in Ethiopia in connection with humanitarian relief, joint exercises and training, and other agreed activities.

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Embassy of the United States of America,
Addis Ababa, February 21, 2002."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the further honor to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and to confirm that the Embassy's note and this note in reply shall

constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on this date.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America
Addis Ababa

