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DEFENSE AGREEMENT

Pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty

Between

The Republic of Iceland and the United States of America

Preamble

Iceland and the United States, being parties to the North Atlantic Treaty, having regard to their responsibilities thereunder for the defense of the North Atlantic region, desiring to contribute to such defense and thereby to their own defense, and having been requested by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to negotiate arrangements under which armed forces of the parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization may make use of facilities in Iceland in defense of Iceland and the North Atlantic region, have entered into an Agreement in terms as set forth below. In entering into this Agreement, Iceland and the United States are acting for the benefit of The North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Article 1

The Keflavik Airport, and such other facilities in Iceland as may be mutually agreed upon by Iceland and the United States to be necessary, are made available by Iceland for use by the armed forces of other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for the defense of Iceland and the North Atlantic region.

Article 2

The national composition of such forces, and the conditions under which they may enter upon and make use of facilities in Iceland pursuant to this Agreement, shall

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be determined in agreement with Iceland.

Article 3

The number of military personnel to be stationed in Iceland pursuant to this Agreement in the absence of hostilities involving the North Atlantic region shall be subject to the approval of the Icelandic Government.

Article 4

The United States, in entering into this Agreement, recognizes the absolute sovereignty of Iceland and undertakes that it will not interfere with the established Government of Iceland. The United States recognizes that the small population of Iceland cannot easily adjust to an influx of military personnel and that, having been unarmed for centuries, the people are unfamiliar with military customs and operations. These facts may give rise to problems in reconciling the need for adequate defense of the country with the objective of avoiding undue interference with the life of the people. The United States proposes to cooperate to the fullest degree with the Icelandic Government in avoiding and solving such problems. It has no desire or intention of interfering with or disturbing the economic and cultural life of the country. Every effort will be made to carry out operations insofar as practicable in consultation with the Icelandic authorities and in such a manner as to cause minimum disturbance with the customs and activities of the people.

Article 5

The Agreement of October 7, 1946, between the United States and Iceland for interim use of Keflavik Airport shall terminate upon the coming into force of this Agreement.

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Appropriate arrangements, giving full recognition to Iceland's responsibilities for the regulation of civil aviation, shall be made for the continuance of civil air operations at Keflavik Airport.

Article 6

(Duration clause)

Article 7

Questions of interpretation which may arise in the application of this Agreement shall be submitted to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland and to the United States Minister to Iceland for settlement.

Article 8

This Agreement comes into force upon execution.

In witness whereof, the undersigned duly authorized representatives of Iceland and the United States have signed this Agreement.

Done at Reykjavik, the _____ day of _____ 1951.

Article 2

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