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The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization to the Secretary of State

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ROME

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to conversations between your representative, Mr. Franklin Williams, and my officers with respect to the use of the United States Peace Corps volunteers in projects sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

In particular it is agreed that, as a first step, a selected number of Peace Corps volunteers should now be trained for assignments in field projects certified by the Food and Agriculture Organization as eligible for the utilization of volunteers. Pending the establishment of any more general basis for such operations, now under discussion before the United Nations, I would propose to you that this letter should serve as an agreement between the Government of the United States and this Organization concerning the assignment of Peace Corps volunteers. I feel sure that its provisions will be carried out in a spirit of friendly cooperation.

GENERAL AIMS AND PROCEDURE

1. The United States Peace Corps (hereinafter referred to as the Peace Corps) is prepared to cooperate in achieving the aims and purposes of the Food and Agriculture

¹ Came into force on 29 March 1962 by the exchange of the said notes.

Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as the Organization) by assigning for temporary duty volunteers to the Organization to assist in carrying out Organization-sponsored projects.

2. The Peace Corps volunteers shall be recruited, trained, administered and serviced by the Peace Corps, but assigned to the Organization for work in Organization-sponsored projects.

3. The Organization will forward requests to the Peace Corps for volunteers, together with necessary descriptions of the project for which the volunteers are to be assigned. The Peace Corps shall tentatively advise the Organization, within a reasonable time after the receipt of such requests, of the projects for which volunteers will be assigned. The Peace Corps shall also advise the Organization with respect to those projects for which volunteers will not be assigned. Where the Peace Corps has agreed to assign volunteers for a project, the Organization will give the Peace Corps a detailed project description, including a listing of equipment, such as tools, apparatus and vehicles, that will be required by the volunteers to effectively carry out their work in a specific project. If, following consideration of the detailed description, the Peace Corps decides that it will assign volunteers to the project, the Peace Corps will thereupon immediately initiate the selection and training of volunteers for that project and inform the Organization of the equipment that will be made available to the volunteers.

4. The Organization will undertake to obtain the consent of the host Government for the use of volunteers in Organization-sponsored projects, it being understood that the Organization shall not be held responsible for the withdrawal of such consent at any time. The Organization will participate in negotiations with the host Government for the duty-free import of such equipment as it has requested the Peace Corps to provide for the volunteers. Final project approval will be conditional on satisfactory arrangements with the host Government.

5. The Peace Corps will be responsible for the physical arrangements and welfare of the volunteers and shall consider any recommendations made by the Organization or its representatives. The Organization shall assist, wherever feasible, in the negotiations for such arrangements with the host country. The Peace Corps shall inform the Organization of the final arrangements made in this regard.

PEACE CORPS RESPONSIBILITIES

6. In order to maintain a high standard of efficiency for Peace Corps volunteers assigned to the Organization-sponsored projects, the Peace Corps undertakes to ensure that such volunteers enjoy excellent health and to provide such volunteers with appropriate training in the customs, tradition, history and language of the host country. The Peace Corps further agrees to provide sufficient time during such training for necessary briefing of volunteers by representatives of the Organization and further agrees to distribute to the volunteers suitable literature provided by the Organization.

7. The Peace Corps agrees to invite the participation of the Director of the North American Regional Office of the Organization or his nominee in the selection of the volun-