

No. 8646

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
BOTSWANA**

**Agreement regarding the status of the armed forces of the
United Kingdom in Botswana. Signed at Gaberones, on
30 September 1966**

Official text: English.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 15 June
1967.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
BOTSWANA**

**Accord concernant le statut des forces armées du Royaume-
Uni au Botswana. Signé à Gaberones, le 30 septembre
1966**

Texte officiel anglais.

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 15 juin
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No. 8646. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN BOTSWANA. SIGNED AT GABERONES, ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1966

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Botswana;

Desiring to make provision regarding the status of the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom in Botswana;

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

JURISDICTION

(1) The Military Authorities of the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom shall have the right to exercise, in Botswana, all criminal and disciplinary jurisdiction conferred on them by the law of the United Kingdom over persons who are subject to the military law of the United Kingdom and who are not citizens of Botswana.

(2) The Courts of Botswana shall not exercise jurisdiction over a member of the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom in any case where the alleged offence is an offence—

- (a) against the security of the United Kingdom;
- (b) against the property of the Government of the United Kingdom;
- (c) against the property or person of another member of such Armed Forces; or
- (d) arising out of and in the course of his duty as a member of such Armed Forces.

(3) If the Courts of Botswana are to exercise jurisdiction over a member of the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom, the Military Authorities of the United Kingdom in Botswana shall have the right to take custody of such member until he is brought to trial by the Courts of Botswana and, in any such case the Military Authorities of the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom shall present such member to those Courts for investigatory process and trial when required.

¹ Came into force on 30 September 1966, upon signature, in accordance with article 8.