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AGREEMENT ¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE REGARDING CERTAIN AIR BASES AND FACILITIES IN METROPOLITAN FRANCE PLACED AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

The Government of the United States of America and

The Government of the Republic of France

Having regard to their respective obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty, ² in furtherance of which the Government of the Republic of France will receive and the Government of the United States of America will place at the disposition of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization tactical air elements of the United States Air Force for stationing in Metropolitan France ;

Having regard to invitations extended to the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of France by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to enter into bilateral arrangements to assure the satisfaction of requirements for North Atlantic Treaty Organization tactical air forces to be stationed on airbases in Metropolitan France ;

Having regard to the exchange of notes between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United States Embassy dated October 31, 1951, ³ concerning four airbases temporarily made available to the United States Air Force ;

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

The Government of the French Republic will place mutually agreed areas and facilities at the disposition of those elements of the United States Air Force which are to be stationed in France in accordance with and in furtherance of approved North Atlantic Treaty Organization plans.

It will facilitate in every way possible the accomplishment of the program contemplated in this agreement and the operation of such United States Air Force elements within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

¹ Came into force on 4 October 1952 by signature.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 34, p. 243.

³ Not printed.

Article II

These elements will consist of tactical aviation units and command and support units of the United States Air Force as well as the United States Army and United States Navy units associated with the Air Force or sharing these facilities as may be agreed by the French Government. These latter elements will be subject to the provisions of the present Agreement and appropriate technical agreements. An approximate description of the personnel complements and the general characteristics of these units and their equipment, as well as the sites and installations which are necessary to accommodate them, are set forth in the attached annexes ; these annexes form an integral part of this Agreement and will not be modified without prior agreement between the two governments.

Article III

The command relationships will be subject to the provisions of agreements by the appropriate military authorities and to the general policies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. These agreements will provide for the continued exercise of French territorial command in the general area where installations are placed at the disposition of the United States Air Force. They will also make suitable provision for the exercise of operational command of such installations by the competent United States authorities. The flags of France and the United States may be flown over the principal installations covered by this Agreement.

Article IV

The status of members of the United States Forces stationed on the installations covered by this Agreement will be governed by the terms of the appropriate government agreements.

Article V

The conditions of utilization and operation of the airfields and the supporting installations by the United States Air Force, including the operation of telecommunications and meteorological services, the control of air traffic and the use of necessary public services, will be determined by technical agreement or arrangements between the competent authorities of the two countries.

Article VI

a) For the development of plans and specifications of the airfields and installations enumerated in the annexes, the United States Government will be associated with the French Government under procedures established

by North Atlantic Treaty Organization agreements, insofar as they are applicable, and by technical agreements between the competent authorities of the two countries.

The general layout fixing the limits of the site and related servitudes for each installation will be established by the French authorities in satisfaction of the expressed requirements of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, where applicable, and those of the United States Air Force.

b) The French governmental services will be charged with the execution of the construction under appropriate technical agreements.

c) This construction will be accomplished in accordance with operational standards and requirements prescribed by the United States Air Force, in conformity with plans and specifications as provided above. With respect to those airfields or installations which are part of a North Atlantic Treaty Organization infrastructure program in which the cost of the airfields or installations is shared, the construction will incorporate standards not less than those approved by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

d) Where construction is to be accomplished to both United States Air Force and North Atlantic Treaty Organization operational standards, arrangements will be made, wherever possible, to assure the integration of both standards in the same plans and contracts.

Article VII

a) The French Government will make available to the United States Air Force without cost to the United States Government : (1) unimproved and necessary for the agreed installations ; (2) existing installations, subject to further agreement on the charges entailed in placing such installations at the disposition of the United States Air Force ; and (3) such other additional facilities as may be granted without charge to the United States Government.

b) The United States Government will bear all other expenses which are involved in stationing units of the United States Air Force on such areas and installations with the exception of the expenses allocated to the member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in conformity with agreements covering the sharing of infrastructure costs.

c) In the event that a cost sharing formula for a North Atlantic Treaty Organization infrastructure program becomes applicable to any part of the expenses incurred by the United States Government, that part insofar as