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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

**Agreement concerning Host Nation Support during Crisis or  
War (with annexes). Signed at Bonn on 15 April 1982**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE**

**Accord concernant l'appui de l'État hôte en temps de crise ou  
de guerre (avec annexes). Signé à Bonn le 15 avril 1982**

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AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CONCERNING HOST NATION SUPPORT DURING CRISIS OR WAR

The Government of the United States of America

and

the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany -

conscious of their obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty of April 4, 1949,<sup>2</sup>

convinced that the defense capabilities of the North Atlantic Alliance will be enhanced by Host Nation Support during times of crisis or war,

realizing that such support must, to the extent possible, be tested and exercised during peacetime,

and

under the provisions of the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of their Forces (NATO SOFA) of June 19, 1951<sup>3</sup> and the Agreement to supplement the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of their Forces with respect to foreign forces stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany (Supplementary Agreement) of August 3, 1959,<sup>4</sup>

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Type and Extent of United States  
Reinforcements, Period of Deployment

In times of crisis or war, the Government of the United States of America in agreement with the Government of the Federal Republic

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 15 April 1982 by signature, in accordance with article 7.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 34, p. 243.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 199, p. 67.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 481, p. 262.

of Germany intends to reinforce its four divisions and associated flying squadrons stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany by an additional six armored, mechanized, and infantry divisions and associated flying squadrons within ten days in order to provide on the day on which combat operations commence or are expected to commence as far as possible ten divisions and associated flying squadrons in the Federal Republic of Germany for successful forward defense. For purposes of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties jointly will determine when a crisis or war occurs. The deployment of such forces will be the subject of consultations between the Contracting Parties and NATO in accordance with Articles 3 and 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty of April 4, 1949.

## Article 2

### Type and Extent of German Support

In order to facilitate the support of reinforced Armed Forces of the United States of America and their civilian component in the Federal Republic of Germany, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany intends, subject to technical agreements to be concluded between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Federal Ministry of Defense of the Federal Republic of Germany, based on appropriate feasibility studies, to render the Government of the United States of America during times of crisis or war:

#### 1.

Military support through Federal Armed Forces units as described in Annex 1. In peacetime, these units will generally be equipment-holding units which will be activated during times of crisis or war to an approximate strength of 90,000 (estimated), including command, logistic, and training organizations required therefor. This support will include:

- a. Security of United States Air Force facilities;
- b. Support of United States Air Force elements at collocated operating bases;
- c. Airfield repair;
- d. Security of United States Army facilities;
- e. Transport, transshipment, and resupply services;
- f. Evacuation of casualties;
- g. Prisoner of war handling;

- h. Decontamination of personnel and equipment;
- i. Integration of members of the Labor Service of the United States forces stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany, who are under military service obligation in the Federal Republic of Germany, into Federal Armed Forces units activated to support the United States forces.

2.

Civilian support by providing:

- a. Transport of personnel, materiel, ammunition, and petroleum, oil and lubricants by rail, road, and waterways;
- b. Maintenance and repair services as well as other services, including material handling;
- c. Subscriber telephone and teletype equipment;
- d. Facilities for wartime stationing;
- e. Expendable supplies, and food supplies;
- f. Cooperation in meeting the requirements for civilian labor;
- g. Exemption from military service for the civilian workforce of the United States forces and of contractors supporting the United States forces;
- h. Materiel mobilization augmentation (vehicles, construction and depot equipment).

Article 3

Costs

The costs for support, including the costs for the necessary preparations, based on the cost categories as described in Annex 2, will be shared between both governments, subject to enabling legislation and the availability of funds.

In this connection, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany will bear the personnel expenses and personal equipment costs of the required Federal Armed Forces units, as well as the materiel investment costs for the military command, logistic, and training organizations of the Federal Armed Forces.

The Government of the United States of America will bear the costs of the materiel investments, to the extent that they are not incurred in connection with the military command, logistic, and training organizations of the Federal Armed Forces; required civilian workforce; and the other costs listed under "Other

Operating Costs" in Annex 2. The United States will pay for all goods and services requested and received by its forces in times of crisis or war.

The respective costs will be provided for in the budget plans of both governments beginning with the 1983 budget year.

Both governments will strive for extensive cost limitation. For this purpose, available facilities as well as equipment will be used primarily. Should there be a shortfall in available facilities, both governments will assign high priority to achieve assurance of funding within the NATO Infrastructure Program. Lease, acquisition or construction of additional facilities not funded by NATO will be borne equitably in a manner that reflects the cost-sharing principles outlined above.

All procurements under this Article shall be made on the basis of joint decisions, and in accordance with national laws and regulations of the Contracting Parties. The provisions of this Article shall not require transfer of title or control of United States-owned or funded equipment to the Federal Republic of Germany in peacetime.

#### Article 4

##### Joint Committee

A joint committee, co-chaired by a representative of each government, will be established. The joint committee is to be informed of all questions that cannot be solved between the American and German agencies concerned.

#### Article 5

##### Implementation Plan

Both governments will develop and coordinate a plan for the implementation of all work related to Host Nation Support during crisis or war. Implementation is scheduled to commence in 1983 and to conclude in 1987. The joint committee annually will review this schedule and the costs provided for in accordance with Article 3.