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

Agreement in support of upper air observations at Bauerfield, Vanuatu (with annexes). Signed at Port Vila on 7 April 1989

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

Accord visant à faciliter l'observation en altitude à Bauerfield (Vanuatu) [avec annexes]. Signé à Port Vila le 7 avril 1989

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Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 23 novembre 1990.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
IN SUPPORT OF UPPER AIR OBSERVATIONS AT BAUERFIELD,
VANUATU

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

Desiring to contribute to the implementation of the World Weather Watch Plan in
accordance with Resolution 16 adopted by the Fifth Congress of the World
Meteorological Organization of the United Nations,²

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

General

(1) The Upper Air Station (hereinafter referred to as “the Station”) for making
radiosonde and upper wind observations at Bauerfield in Vanuatu shall continue to be
operated. For the purposes of this Agreement radiosonde observations include
observations of atmospheric pressure, temperature and humidity in the upper air obtained
by electronic means and radio-wind observations, obtained from the tracking of a free
balloon by electronic means, provide the data necessary for the computation of upper
wind.

(2) The Government of the Republic of Vanuatu shall act on behalf of the Contracting
Parties in the operation of the Station for the purposes indicated in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2

Competent Authorities

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement the Competent Authorities of the Contracting
Parties shall be:

- (a) In the United Kingdom; the Meteorological Office, Ministry of Defence (Air Force
Department);
- (b) In Vanuatu; the Vanuatu Meteorological Service, Ministry of Public Works,
Communications, Transport, Civil Aviation and Tourism, Vila.

(2) At the request of one Competent Authority the other Competent Authority shall
provide any relevant information which can reasonably be made available concerning the
efficiency, operation and costs of the Station.

¹ Came into force on 7 April 1989 by signature, in accordance with article 7 (1).

² World Meteorological Organization, *Abridged Report with Resolutions*, Geneva, April 1967, No. 213, RC. 28,
p. 65.

ARTICLE 3**Responsibilities of the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu**

The Government of the Republic of Vanuatu shall recruit and train staff for the operation and maintenance of the Station and operate and maintain the Station in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and with such requirements as may be agreed from time to time between the Competent Authorities. In the discharge of these responsibilities the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu shall pay due regard to efficiency and economy.

ARTICLE 4**Responsibilities of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall give such technical advice as may be required by the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu for the efficient operation and maintenance of the Station.

ARTICLE 5**Staffing**

- (1) The staff establishment of the Station shall consist of:
 - (a) an Officer-in-Charge of the Station;
 - (b) a Technical Officer who will be responsible for the maintenance and occasional installation of equipment at the Station;
 - (c) Operators, the number to be laid down by agreement between the Contracting Parties.
- (2) The Technical Officer may be recruited in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, normally for a period of two or three years at a time, subject to renewal. An expatriate shall receive the emoluments appropriate to metropolitan staff working overseas and will be provided with suitable domestic accommodation by the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu.
- (3) Locally engaged personnel will be recruited to the Vanuatu Public Service and receive the emoluments appropriate to their grades. The Government of the Republic of Vanuatu shall arrange for any necessary training of staff which cannot be undertaken locally to be carried out in Australia or elsewhere. As far as possible operators shall be trained locally under arrangements made by the Officer-in-Charge of the Station.

ARTICLE 6**Finance**

- (1) The costs to be borne include:
 - (a) the operation and maintenance of the Station;