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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
VENEZUELA**

**Agreement relating to a United States Air Force Mission to
Venezuela. Signed at Washington, on 16 January 1953**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
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**Accord relatif à l'envoi d'une Mission de l'aviation militaire
des États-Unis au Venezuela. Signé à Washington, le
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No. 2690. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA RELATING TO A UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MISSION TO VENEZUELA. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 16 JANUARY 1953

In conformity with the request of the Government of Venezuela to the Government of the United States of America, the President of the United States of America has authorized the appointment of officers and enlisted personnel to constitute a United States Air Force Mission to Venezuela under the conditions specified below :

TITLE I

PURPOSE AND DURATION

Article 1. The purpose of this Mission is to cooperate with the Ministry of Defense in all matters relating to the technical development and improvement of the Venezuelan Air Forces.

Article 2. The Mission shall continue for a period of four years from the date of the signing of this Agreement by the accredited representatives of the Governments of the United States of America and Venezuela unless previously terminated or extended as hereinafter provided. Any member of the Mission may be recalled by the Government of the United States of America after two years of service, in which case another member shall be appointed to replace him. Likewise, the Government of Venezuela may request the replacement of any member of the Mission.

Article 3. If the Government of Venezuela should desire that the services of the Mission be extended beyond the stipulated period, it shall make a written proposal to that effect six months before the expiration of this Agreement.

Article 4. This Agreement may be terminated before the expiration of the period of four years prescribed in Article 2, or before the expiration of the extension authorized in Article 3 in the following manner :

a) By either of the Governments, subject to three months' written notice to the other Government ;

b) By the recall of the entire personnel of the Mission by the Government of the United States of America in the public interest of that Government, without compliance with provision (a) of this article.

¹ Came into force on 16 January 1953, by signature.

Article 5. This Agreement is subject to termination either by the Government of the United States of America or by the Government of Venezuela in the event that either of them is involved in domestic or foreign hostilities.

TITLE II

COMPOSITION AND PERSONNEL

Article 6. This Mission shall consist of such personnel of the United States Air Force as may be appointed by agreement between the Ministry of Defense of Venezuela through its authorized representative in Washington and the Department of the Air Force of the United States of America.

Article 7. The personnel selected to serve on the Mission must have an adequate knowledge of the Spanish language.

TITLE III

DUTIES, RANK AND PRECEDENCE

Article 8. The personnel of the Mission shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by agreement between the Ministry of Defense of Venezuela and the Chief of the Mission.

Article 9. The members of the Mission shall be responsible solely to the Ministry of Defense through the Chief of the Mission.

Article 10. Each member of the Mission shall serve on it with the rank he holds in the United States Air Force, shall wear the uniform of his rank in the United States Air Force, and shall have the precedence which is indicated by the Military Protocol of Venezuela.

Article 11. Each member of the Mission shall enjoy the benefits and privileges which the Regulations of the Venezuelan Army provide for officers and enlisted personnel of equivalent rank.

Article 12. The personnel of the Mission shall be governed by the Disciplinary Regulations of the United States Air Force, except in the event of the commission of common crimes which would be tried by the competent courts according to the seriousness of the case.

TITLE IV

COMPENSATION AND PERQUISITES

Article 13. Members of the Mission shall receive from the Government of Venezuela a net annual compensation expressed in United States currency, which shall be fixed for each individual by agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Venezuela. The above-