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and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Agreement (with annexes and appendices). Signed at
Cairo, on 19 October 1954**

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The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Egypt.

Desiring to establish Anglo-Egyptian relations on a new basis of mutual understanding and firm friendship.

Have agreed as follows :—

Article 1

Her Majesty's Forces shall be completely withdrawn from Egyptian territory in accordance with the Schedule set forth in Part A² of Annex I within a period of twenty months from the date of signature of the present Agreement.

Article 2

The Government of the United Kingdom declare that the Treaty of Alliance signed in London on the 26th of August, 1936,³ with the Agreed Minute, Exchanged Notes, Convention⁴ concerning the immunities and privileges enjoyed by the British Forces in Egypt and all other subsidiary agreements, is terminated.

Article 3

Parts of the present Suez Canal Base, which are listed in Appendix A⁵ to Annex II, shall be kept in efficient working order and capable of immediate use in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the present Agreement. To this end they shall be organised in accordance with the provisions of Annex II.⁶

¹ Came into force on 19 October 1954, as from the date of signature, in accordance with article 13. The instruments of ratification were exchanged at Cairo on 6 December 1954.

² See p. 30 of this volume.

³ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. CLXXIII, p. 401.

⁴ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. CLXXIII, p. 433.

⁵ See p. 50 of this volume.

⁶ See p. 36 of this volume.

Article 4

In the event of an armed attack by an outside Power on any country which at the date of signature of the present Agreement is a party to the Treaty of Joint Defence between Arab League States, signed in Cairo on the 13th of April, 1950, or on Turkey, Egypt shall afford to the United Kingdom such facilities as may be necessary in order to place the Base on a war footing and to operate it effectively. These facilities shall include the use of Egyptian ports within the limits of what is strictly indispensable for the above-mentioned purposes.

Article 5

In the event of the return of British Forces to the Suez Canal Base area in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, these forces shall withdraw immediately upon the cessation of the hostilities referred to in that Article.

Article 6

In the event of a threat of an armed attack by an outside Power on any country which at the date of signature of the present Agreement is a party to the Treaty of Joint Defence between Arab League States or on Turkey, there shall be immediate consultation between Egypt and the United Kingdom.

Article 7

The Government of the Republic of Egypt shall afford over-flying, landing and servicing facilities for notified flights of aircraft under Royal Air Force control. For the clearance of any flights of such aircraft the Government of the Republic of Egypt shall accord treatment no less favourable than that accorded to the aircraft of any other foreign country with the exception of States parties to the Treaty of Joint Defence between Arab League States. The landing and servicing facilities mentioned above shall be afforded at Egyptian Airfields in the Suez Canal Base area.

Article 8

The two Contracting Governments recognise that the Suez Maritime Canal, which is an integral part of Egypt, is a waterway economically, commercially and strategically of international importance, and express the determination to uphold the Convention guaranteeing the freedom of navigation of the Canal signed at Constantinople on the 29th of October, 1888.¹

Article 9

(a) The United Kingdom is accorded the right to move any British equipment into or out of the Base at its discretion.

¹ De Martens, *Nouveau Recueil général de Traités*, deuxième série, tome XV, p. 557.

(b) There shall be no increase above the level of supplies as agreed upon in Part C¹ of Annex II without the consent of the Government of the Republic of Egypt.

Article 10

The present Agreement does not affect and shall not be interpreted as affecting in any way the rights and obligations of the parties under the Charter of the United Nations.

Article 11

The Annexes and Appendices to the present Agreement shall be considered as an integral part of it.

Article 12

(a) The present Agreement shall remain in force for the period of seven years from the date of its signature.

(b) During the last twelve months of that period the two Contracting Governments shall consult together to decide on such arrangements as may be necessary upon the termination of the Agreement.

(c) Unless both the Contracting Governments agree upon any extension of the Agreement it shall terminate seven years after the date of signature and the Government of the United Kingdom shall take away or dispose of their property then remaining in the Base.

Article 13

The present Agreement shall have effect as though it had come into force on the date of signature. Instruments of ratification shall be exchanged in Cairo as soon as possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

DONE at Cairo, this nineteenth day of October, 1954, in duplicate, in the English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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¹ See p. 42 of this volume.

ANNEX I

WITHDRAWAL OF HER MAJESTY'S FORCES

(With Reference to Article I of the present Agreement)

Part A

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article I of the present Agreement, the following percentages of Her Majesty's Forces in Egypt on the 27th of July, 1954, shall have been withdrawn between that date and the dates indicated in the schedule below :—

<i>Date</i>	<i>Percentage of Her Majesty's Forces</i>
Date of Signature of the Agreement plus 4 months	22%
Date of Signature of the Agreement plus 8 months	35%
Date of Signature of the Agreement plus 12 months	54%
Date of Signature of the Agreement plus 16 months	75%
Date of Signature of the Agreement plus 20 months	100%

2. In connection with the above-mentioned withdrawal, the Government of the Republic of Egypt shall afford all necessary facilities for the movement of men and material.

Part B

PROCEDURE FOR STANDING MACHINERY, STAFF CONTACTS AND ISSUE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE EGYPTIAN AND BRITISH AUTHORITIES TO FACILITATE WITHDRAWAL

1. For the period of withdrawal mentioned in Article I of the present Agreement, the British and the Egyptian Authorities will each designate appropriate Headquarters in the Canal Area which will be responsible for the progressive transfer of responsibility for security or maintenance of installations from British to Egyptian control.

2.—(a) The British Headquarters for this purpose will be the Headquarters British Troops in Egypt and the Headquarters No. 205 Group, Royal Air Force.

(b) The Egyptian Headquarters for this purpose will be the Headquarters Eastern Command.

3.— The Headquarters mentioned in paragraph 2 will be the link between the British and the Egyptian Authorities on all detail in connection with the transfer of responsibilities for the security and maintenance of installations from British to Egyptian control. The Headquarters will establish direct staff contacts as appropriate to carry out the task on the lines set out in this Annex. Through the medium of their respective Movements Staffs, they will arrange for all the facilities to be provided by the Egyptian Authorities for the British Forces under paragraph 2 of Part A of this Annex.