

**No. 3348**

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and  
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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
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No. 3348. DEFENSE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN PORTUGAL  
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. SIGNED AT  
LISBON, ON 6 SEPTEMBER 1951

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The Portuguese Government and the Government of the United States of America :

Having in mind the doctrine and obligations arising from Articles 3 and 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty signed in Washington April 4, 1949 ;<sup>2</sup>

Resolved, in accordance with the preamble of that Treaty, to unite their efforts for the common defense and for the preservation of peace and security ;

Considering the necessity of executing in peacetime the measures of military preparation necessary to the common defense, in conformity with plans approved by the nations signatory to the referred to Treaty ;

Taking into consideration that according to the provisions adopted in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the area of the Azores directly interests Portugal and the United States and that between them they must establish agreements for the determination and utilization of the facilities which it is possible for the first of the mentioned Governments to grant in those islands ;

Agree as follows :

*Article 1*

The Portuguese Government grants to the Government of the United States in case of war in which they are involved during the life of the North Atlantic Treaty and within the framework and by virtue of the responsibilities assumed thereunder the use of facilities in the Azores which will be provided for in technical arrangements to be concluded by the Ministers of Defense of the two Governments.

Wherever reference is made in the text of this Agreement to technical arrangements, it is understood that such reference has to do with the technical arrangements to be agreed upon by the Ministers of Defense of the two Governments, and which are hereby authorized.

*Article 2*

The Governments of Portugal and of the United States, in technical and financial collaboration, and in harmony with technical arrangements to be agreed upon, will construct new installations and enlarge and improve those existing for the purpose of preparing and equipping the agreed facilities in the Azores with

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 6 September 1951, the date of signature, in accordance with article 12.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 34, p. 243, and Vol. 126, p. 350.