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**UNITED NATIONS
and
ETHIOPIA**

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No. 4597. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND ETHIOPIA REGARDING THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA. SIGNED AT ADDIS ABABA, ON 18 JUNE 1958

The United Nations and Ethiopia, desiring to conclude an agreement for the purpose of regulating questions arising as a result of the decision of the Economic and Social Council adopted at its 25th Session to establish the Headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa,² have agreed as follows :

Article I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1. In this Agreement :

(a) the expression " the ECA " means the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa including its secretariat;

(b) The expression " the Government " means the Government of Ethiopia;

(c) The expression " Executive Secretary " means the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa or his authorized representative;

(d) The expression " appropriate Ethiopian authorities " means such national, local or other authorities in Ethiopia as may be appropriate in accordance with the laws of Ethiopia;

(e) The expression " laws of Ethiopia " includes legislative acts, decrees, regulations or orders issued by or under the authority of the Government or appropriate Ethiopian authorities;

(f) The expression " Headquarters " means the buildings and structures or portions thereof which at any given moment are in fact occupied by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa;

(g) The expression " officials of the ECA " means all members of the staff of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, irrespective of nationality, with the exception of those who are recruited locally and are assigned to hourly rates;

¹ Came into force on 15 December 1958, the date of its ratification on behalf of Ethiopia, in accordance with section 24.

² United Nations, *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1* (E/3123), p. 1, resolution 671 (XXV).

(h) The expression "General Convention" means the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations as adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations of 13 February 1946¹ and acceded to by Ethiopia on 22 July 1947;²

(i) The expression "representatives of Governments" shall be deemed to include representatives, deputy representatives, advisors, technical experts and secretaries of delegations.

Article II

CONTROL AND PROTECTION OF HEADQUARTERS

Section 2. The Headquarters shall be inviolable and shall be under the control and authority of the ECA as provided in this Agreement.

Section 3. (a) Officers or officials of Ethiopia, whether administrative, judicial, military or police, shall not enter the Headquarters to perform any official duties therein except with the consent of and under conditions agreed to by the Executive Secretary.

(b) Without prejudice to the provisions of the General Convention or of this Agreement, the ECA shall prevent the Headquarters from becoming a refuge for persons who are avoiding arrest under any law of Ethiopia, or who are required by the Government for extradition to another country or who are endeavoring to avoid service of legal process.

Section 4. (a) The appropriate Ethiopian authorities shall exercise due diligence to ensure that the tranquility of the Headquarters is not disturbed by the unauthorized entry of groups of persons from outside or by disturbance in its immediate vicinity, and shall cause to provide on the boundaries of the Headquarters such police protection as is required for these purposes.

(b) If so requested by the Executive Secretary, the appropriate Ethiopian authorities shall provide a sufficient number of police for the preservation of law and order in the Headquarters, and for the removal therefrom of persons as requested under the authority of the Executive Secretary.

Article III

COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT

Section 5. The ECA shall enjoy for its official communications treatment not less favourable than that accorded by the Government to any other govern-

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 1, pp. 15 and 263; Vol. 4, p. 461; Vol. 5, p. 413; Vol. 6, p. 433; Vol. 7, p. 353; Vol. 9, p. 398; Vol. 11, p. 406; Vol. 12, p. 416; Vol. 14, p. 490; Vol. 15, p. 442; Vol. 18, p. 382; Vol. 26, p. 396; Vol. 42, p. 354; Vol. 43, p. 335; Vol. 45, p. 318; Vol. 66, p. 346; Vol. 70, p. 266; Vol. 173, p. 369; Vol. 177, p. 324; Vol. 180, p. 296; Vol. 202, p. 320; Vol. 214, p. 348; Vol. 230, p. 427; Vol. 231, p. 347; Vol. 247, p. 384; Vol. 248, p. 358; Vol. 252, p. 308; Vol. 254, p. 404; Vol. 261, p. 373; Vol. 266, p. 363; Vol. 270, p. 372; Vol. 271, p. 382; Vol. 280, p. 346; Vol. 284, p. 361; Vol. 286, p. 329; Vol. 308, and Vol. 316.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 5, p. 413.

ment or to any other international organization, including foreign diplomatic missions in Ethiopia.

Section 6. (a) No censorship shall be applied to the official correspondence or other communications of the ECA. Such immunity shall extend, without limitation by reason of this enumeration, to publications, documents, still and moving pictures, films and sound recordings;

(b) The ECA shall have the right to use codes and to dispatch and receive official correspondence and, without limitation by reason of this enumeration, publications, documents, still and moving pictures, films and sound recordings, either by courier or in sealed bags which shall have the same immunities and privileges as diplomatic couriers and bags.

Section 7. (a) The ECA shall have the authority to install and operate at the Headquarters for its exclusive official use a radio sending and receiving station or stations to exchange traffic with the United Nations radio network, subject to the provisions of Article 45 of the International Telecommunications Convention relating to harmful interference. The frequencies on which any such station may be operated will be agreed between the ECA and the Imperial Telecommunications Board of Ethiopia and will be duly communicated by the ECA to the International Frequency Registration Board.

Section 8. (a) The ECA shall be entitled, for its official purposes, to use transportation operated by the Government at the same rates and treatment as may be granted to resident diplomatic missions.

(b) Aircraft operated by or for the United Nations shall be exempt from all charges, except those for actual service rendered, and from fees or taxes incidental to the landing at, parking or on taking off from any aerodrome in Ethiopia. Except as limited by the preceding sentence, nothing herein shall be construed as exempting such aircraft from full compliance with all applicable rules and regulations governing the operation of flights into, within, and out of the territory of the Empire of Ethiopia.

Article IV

ACCESS AND RESIDENCE

Section 9. (a) The competent Ethiopian authorities shall not impede the transit to or from the Headquarters of the following persons :

- (i) officials of the ECA, and their families;
- (ii) persons, other than officials of the ECA, performing missions for the ECA, and their spouses;