

LEND-LEASE ¹

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Whereas the United States of America and the Dominican Republic declare that in conformity with the principles set forth in the Declaration of Lima, approved at the Eighth International Conference of American States on December 24, 1938,³ they, together with all the other American republics, are united in the defense of the Americas and are determined to secure for themselves and for each other the enjoyment of their own fortunes and their own talents;

And whereas the President of the United States of America has determined, pursuant to the Act of the Congress of the United States of America of March 11, 1941,⁴ that the defense of each of the American republics is vital to the defense of all of them, and for that reason the United States of America proposes to provide certain defense articles and defense information to the Dominican Republic;

And whereas the United States of America and the Dominican Republic are mutually desirous of concluding an agreement for the providing of defense articles and defense information by either country to the other country, and the making of such an agreement has been in all respects duly authorized, and all acts, conditions and formalities which it may have been necessary to perform, fulfil or execute prior to the making of such an agreement in conformity with the laws either of the United States of America or of the Dominican Republic have been performed, fulfilled or executed as required;

The undersigned, being duly authorized for that purpose, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The United States of America proposes to transfer to the Dominican Republic under the terms of this Agreement armaments and munitions of

¹ Final settlement payment made on Apr. 26, 1949, and reported in 29th Report to Congress on Lend-Lease Operations, p. 1.

² *Post*, p. 243.

³ *Ante*, vol. 3, p. 534.

⁴ 55 Stat. 31.

war to a total value of about \$1,600,000. The United States of America proposes to begin deliveries immediately and to continue deliveries as expeditiously as practicable during the coming twelve months to an approximate total value of \$250,000 for use by the Dominican Army and an approximate total value of \$100,000 for use by the Dominican Navy.

The United States of America, however, reserves the right at any time to suspend, defer, or stop deliveries whenever in the opinion of the President of the United States of America further deliveries are not consistent with the needs of the defense of the United States of America or the Western Hemisphere.

ARTICLE II

Records shall be kept of all defense articles transferred under this agreement, and not less than every ninety days schedules of such defense articles shall be exchanged and reviewed.

Thereupon the Dominican Republic shall pay in dollars into the Treasury of the United States of America the total cost to the United States of America of the defense articles theretofore delivered up to a total of \$900,000, less all payments theretofore made, and the Dominican Republic shall not be required to pay more than a total of \$150,000 before July 1, 1942, more than a total of \$300,000 before July 1, 1943, more than a total of \$450,000 before July 1, 1944, more than a total of \$600,000 before July 1, 1945, more than a total of \$750,000 before July 1, 1946, or more than a total of \$900,000 before July 1, 1947.

ARTICLE III

The United States of America and the Dominican Republic, recognizing that the measures herein provided for their common defense and united resistance to aggression are taken for the further purpose of laying the bases for a just and enduring peace, agree, since such measures cannot be effective or such a peace flourish under the burden of an excessive debt, that upon the payments above provided all fiscal obligations of the Dominican Republic hereunder shall be discharged; and for the same purpose they further agree, in conformity with the principles and program set forth in Resolution XXV on Economic and Financial Cooperation of the Second Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics at Habana, July 1940,⁵ to cooperate with each other and with other nations to negotiate fair and equitable commodity agreements with respect to the products of either of them and of other nations in which marketing problems exist, and to cooperate with each other and with other nations to relieve the distress and want caused by the war wherever, and as soon as, such relief will be succor to the oppressed and will not aid the aggressor.

⁵ For text, see *Department of State Bulletin*, Aug. 24, 1940, p. 141.

ARTICLE IV

The Dominican Republic undertakes that it will not, without the consent of the President of the United States of America, transfer title to or possession of any defense article or defense information received under this agreement, or permit its use by anyone not an officer, employee, or agent of the Dominican Republic.

ARTICLE V

If, as a result of the transfer to the Dominican Republic of any defense article or defense information, it is necessary for the Dominican Republic to take any action or make any payment in order fully to protect any of the rights of any citizen of the United States of America who has patent rights in and to any such defense article or information, the Dominican Republic will do so, when so requested by the President of the United States of America.

ARTICLE VI

Should circumstances arise in which the United States of America in its own defense or in the defense of the Americas shall require defense articles or defense information which the Dominican Republic is in a position to supply, the Dominican Republic will make such defense articles and defense information available to the United States of America on terms similar to those expressed in this agreement.

ARTICLE VII

This Agreement shall continue in force from the date on which it is signed until a date agreed upon between the two Governments.

Signed and sealed at Washington in duplicate, in the English and Spanish languages, this second day of August, 1941.

On Behalf of the United States of America:

SUMNER WELLES

*Acting Secretary of State
of the United States of America*

On Behalf of the Dominican Republic:

A. PASTORIZA

*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the Dominican Republic at Washington*