## DEFENSE

Caribbean Basin Security Initiative

# Agreement Between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Effected by Exchange of Notes at Bridgetown and Kingstown June 29 and December 11, 2012



#### NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966 (80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

"...the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence ... of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof."

### SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

#### Defense: Caribbean Basin Security Initiative

Agreement effected by exchange of notes at Bridgetown and Kingstown June 29 and December 11, 2012; Entered into force December 11, 2012. The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs of the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and has the honor to refer to earlier discussions between representatives of the two Governments regarding the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative and the provision of technical support for maritime security forces through that initiative. The U.S. Government proposes to provide this type of support via a regional Technical Assistance Field Team to bolster the maintenance and logistics capabilities of Caribbean Basin Security Initiative partner nations' maritime forces through mentoring, training and development of partner nations' maintenance and logistics systems and processes. Support will be tailored to individual partner nations' requirements and could include, but is not limited to assessments, equipment, training, and technical support for maritime assets and maintenance and logistical systems.

In accordance with these discussions, it is proposed that the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines agree:

A. That unless the consent of the Government of the United States of America has been first obtained, the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall not:

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

(2)

(I) Permit any use of such defense articles, related training, including training materials, or other defense services by anyone not an officer, employee or agent of the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;

(II) Transfer, or permit any officer, employee or agent of the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to transfer, such defense articles, related training, including training materials, or other defense services by gift, sale or otherwise; or

(III) Use, or permit the use of, such defense articles, related training, including training materials, or other defense services for purposes other than those for which provided;

B. That such defense articles, related training, including training materials, or other defense services shall be returned to the Government of the United States of America when they are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were furnished, unless the Government of the United States of America consents to another disposition;

(3)

C. That the net proceeds of sale received by the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in disposing of, with prior written consent of the Government of the United States of America, any defense article furnished by the Government of the United States of America on a grant basis, including scrap from any such defense article, shall be paid to the Government of the United States of America; and

D. That the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall maintain the security of such defense articles, related training, including training materials, and other defense services; that it shall provide substantially the same degree of security protection afforded to such defense articles, related training, including training materials, and other defense services by the Government of the United States of America; and that it shall, as the Government of the United States of America; permit continuous observation, scheduled inspections, physical inventories, and review by, and furnish necessary information to, representatives of the Government of the United States of America with regard to the use thereof by the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

(4)

The Embassy proposes that the response from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs of the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines should herein state that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs of the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has the honor to confirm that the proposals set forth in the Embassy's diplomatic note and this note in reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on this date.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs of the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Embassy of the United States of America,

Bridgetown, June 29, 2012.

#### MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN TRADE AND CONSUMER



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Barbados and has the honour to refer to the latter's Diplomatic Note No. 0456 dated 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 concerning the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative and the provision of technical support for maritime security forces through the said initiative.

In this connection, the Ministry wishes to inform the esteemed Embassy that the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has the honour to confirm that the proposals set forth in the Embassy's Diplomatic Note No. 0456 and this present note shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on this date, Tuesday December 11, 2012.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America in Barbados, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Kingstown,

11<sup>th</sup> December, 2012

