

DEFENSE

African Crisis Response Initiative

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and UGANDA**

Effected by Exchange of Notes at
Kampala July 15 and September 1, 1997



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.”

UGANDA

Defense: African Crisis Response Initiative


*Agreement effected by exchange of notes at
Kampala July 15 and September 1, 1997;
Entered into force September 1, 1997.*

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

223/97

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two governments regarding issues related to U.S. military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of Defense who may be temporarily present in Uganda in connection with the African Crisis Response Initiative (ACRI) mobile training team visit and other activities as may be agreed upon by our two governments.

Embassy of the United States of America,
Kampala, July 15, 1997

Approved B:CColloton - AG. DCM 

Enclosures: As stated

As a result of these discussions, and recalling the agreement between the two governments contained in Embassy's Note Number 247/94 and the Government of Uganda's reply in Diplomatic Note XC. 1157 (the 1994 Agreement), the Embassy has the honor to propose that such personnel be accorded the equivalent status to that accorded to administrative and technical staff of the United States Embassy under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961, and that they may enter and exit Uganda with United States identification and with collective movement or individual travel orders.

The Embassy further proposes that such personnel would also be authorized to wear uniforms while performing official duties and to carry arms while on duty if authorized to do so by their orders;

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and that the Government of Uganda accord duty-free importation and exportation as well as exemption from internal taxation on products, property, material, and equipment imported into or acquired in Uganda by the United States Government in connection with the activity. Vehicles, vessels, and aircraft owned or operated by or exclusively for the U.S. Armed Forces shall not be subject to the payment of landing or port fees, pilotage charges, navigation or overflight charges or light and harbor dues, while in Uganda; however, the United States Armed Forces shall pay reasonable charges for services requested and received. Such aircraft shall observe local Air Traffic Control Regulations while in Uganda. Such vessels shall not be subject to compulsory pilotage at Uganda ports.

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Finally, the Embassy proposes that both governments waive any and all claims (other than contractual claims) against each other for damage, loss or destruction of the other's property arising out of the exercise or for injury or death suffered by military personnel while engaged in the performance of their official duty.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the government of Uganda, the Embassy has the honor to propose that this note, together with the Ministry's reply, shall constitute an agreement between our governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply. Upon entry into force, it should supersede the 1994 Agreement.

The United States of America takes this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,
Kampala, July 15, 1997

The suggested Uganda response should read as follows:

(Begin Text)

(complimentary opening) and refers to the Embassy's Diplomatic Note Number 223/97 of July 15, 1997 which reads as follows: (quote U.S. Note in its Entirety)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the further honor to inform the Embassy of the United States that the proposals set forth in the Embassy's Note are acceptable to the Government of Uganda and to confirm that the Embassy's note and this note shall constitute an agreement between our two governments which shall enter into force on this date. (End Text)



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

XC 11157

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and refers to the Embassy's Diplomatic Note Number 223/97 of July 15, 1997 which reads as follows:

Quote :

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Unquote:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the further honor to inform the Embassy of the United States that the proposals set forth in the Embassy's Note are acceptable to the Government of Uganda and to confirm that the Embassy's note and this note shall constitute an agreement between our two governments which shall enter into force on this date.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

KAMPALA : 1 SEPTEMBER, 1997

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Embassy of the United States of America,
KAMPALA .