

DEFENSE

Status of Forces

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and SRI LANKA**

Effected by Exchange of Notes at
Colombo February 9 and May 16, 1995

Entered into force May 16, 1995



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.”

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 035

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka regarding the status of U.S. military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of Defense who may be present in Sri Lanka for exercises or other official duties. As a result of these discussions, the Embassy proposes that such personnel be accorded the same status as provided to the technical and administrative staff of the Embassy of the United States. If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Sri Lanka, the Embassy has the further honor to propose that this note, together with the reply from the Government of Sri Lanka, shall constitute an agreement between the two governments effective from the date of the Government of Sri Lanka's reply.

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



Embassy of the United States of America,
Colombo, February 9, 1995.



No: L/POL/144

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Sri Lanka and has the honour to refer to its Note No: 035 regarding the status of U.S.military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of Defence who may be present in Sri Lanka for exercises or other official matter.

This Ministry is pleased to inform that the above mentioned personnel will be accorded the same status as provided to technical and administrative staff of the Embassy of the United States. The Ministry also wishes to inform that this reply shall constitute an agreement between two Governments effective 16th May, 1995.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the
United States of America,
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Colombo, 16th May, 1995.