

DEFENSE

Status of Forces

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

Exchange of Notes at Bamako
July 30 and September 30, 1997

Entered into force September 30, 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.”

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 105

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Mali 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 U.S. Department of Defense who may be temporarily present in Mali in connection with the African Crisis Response Initiative Mobile Training Team visit and other activities as may be agreed upon by our two governments.

As a result of these discussions, 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 Mali with United States identification and with collective movement or individual travel orders.

The Embassy further proposes that such personnel 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; and that the Government of Mali accord duty-free importation and exportation as well as exemption from internal taxation on products, property, material, and equipment imported into or acquired in 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 Mali; 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 Mali. Such vessels shall not be subject to compulsory pilotage at Mali ports. 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 activity 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 Mali, the Embassy has the honor to propose that this note, together with the Ministry's reply, shall constitute an agreement between the governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.

The Government of the United States of America assures the Government of Mali our highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

Bamako, 30 July 1997



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**Republic of Mali
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Malians Abroad**

General Secretariat
No. 4526/MAEME/SG

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Malians Abroad presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America at Bamako and has the honor to transmit to it Letter No. 1361/MFAAC-CAB of August 22, 1997, from the Ministry of Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs, in which communication said Ministry states that it has no objection to the proposed agreements between the Government of Mali and the Government of the United States regarding the terms of training and assistance granted by the United States of America to the Malian Armed Forces , as well as the temporary-presence status of personnel in Mali [sic—"Agreement regarding the status of U.S. military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of Defense who may be temporarily present in Mali in connection with the African Crisis Response Initiative," effected by exchange of notes?.]

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Koulouba, September 30, 1997

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Embassy of the United States of America,
Bamako.

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Le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et des Maliens de l'Extérieur de la République du Mali présente ses compliments à l'Ambassade des Etats Unis d'Amérique à Bamako et a l'honneur de de lui transmettre la lettre n°1361/MFAAC-CAB du 22 août 1997 du Ministère des Forces Armées et des Anciens Combattants par laquelle ledit Département ne formule aucune objection quant aux projets d'Accord entre le Gouvernement du Mali et celui des Etats Unis d'Amérique relatifs aux conditions d'entraînement et d'assistance qu'accordent les Etats Unis d'Amérique aux Forces armées maliennes ainsi que les conditions de séjour temporaire au Mali du Personnel.

Le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et des Maliens de l'Extérieur de la République du Mali saisit cette occasion pour renouveler à l'Ambassade des Etats Unis d'Amérique à Bamako les assurances de sa haute considération. /

Koulouba, le **30 SEP. 1997**

AMBASSADE DES ETATS UNIS
D'AMERIQUE

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