

General Agreement For Economic, Technical And Related Assistance
Between
The Government Of The United States Of America And
The Government Of Jamaica

WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Jamaica agree upon the need for specific plans of action designed to foster economic progress and improvements in the welfare and level of living of the people of Jamaica, and

WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America intends to furnish such economic, technical and related assistance to Jamaica as may be requested by it and approved by the Government of the United States of America in the light of the resources available to it and of the programs and self-help measures which Jamaica shall provide,

Now, THEREFORE, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Jamaica hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

To assist the Government of Jamaica in its national development and in its efforts to achieve economic and social progress through effective use of its own resources and other measures of self-help, the Government of the United States of America will furnish such economic, technical and related assistance as may hereafter be requested by representatives of appropriate agencies of the Government of Jamaica and approved by representatives of the agency or agencies designated by the Government of the United States of America to administer its responsibilities hereunder. Such assistance shall be made available in accordance with written arrangements agreed upon between the above-mentioned representatives.

ARTICLE II

To foster its economic and social progress, the Government of Jamaica will make the full contribution permitted by its resources and general economic condition to its development program and to programs and operations related thereto, including those conducted pursuant to this Agreement, and will give full information to the people of Jamaica concerning programs and operations hereunder. The Government of Jamaica will take appropriate steps to insure the effective use of assistance furnished pursuant to this Agreement and will afford opportunities and facilities to representatives of the Government of the United States of America to observe and review programs and operations conducted under this Agreement and will furnish information needed to determine the nature and scope of operations planned or carried out and to evaluate results.

ARTICLE III

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The Government of Jamaica will receive a special mission and its personnel to discharge the responsibilities of the Government of the United States of America hereunder and will consider this special mission and its personnel as part of the diplomatic mission of the Government of the United States of America in Jamaica for the purpose of receiving the privileges and immunities accorded to that mission and its personnel of comparable rank.

ARTICLE IV

In order to assure the maximum benefits to the people of Jamaica from the assistance to be furnished hereunder the Government of Jamaica will take measures to ensure that:

- (a) Payments made by the Government of the United States of America and used, or to be used, for the purpose of giving effect to this Agreement shall be exempt from taxes levied in Jamaica on the ownership or use of money, investment or deposit requirements or currency controls;
- (b) Property introduced into Jamaica for use by the Government of the United States of America or a contractor financed by such Government for the purpose of giving effect to this Agreement shall be exempt from import and export taxes, purchase or transfer taxes and similar charges in Jamaica so long as such property is used for the purpose of giving effect to this Agreement;
- (c) All persons, except citizens or permanent residents of Jamaica, who are present therein to perform work pursuant to this Agreement, shall be exempt from income and social security taxes levied under the laws of Jamaica and from taxes on the purchase, ownership, use or disposition of personal movable property (including automobiles) intended for their own use. Such persons and members of their families shall receive the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs and import and export duties on personal movable property (including automobiles) imported into Jamaica for their own use as is accorded by the Government of Jamaica to diplomatic personnel of the American Embassy in Jamaica, except that in the case of such persons who are employed under contracts financed by the Government of the United States of America, such treatment shall be accorded only with respect to personal movable property imported into Jamaica in connection with such persons' first arrival; provided, however, that where movable property is sold (or disposed of) within three years of importation to a person who is not entitled to exemption from the payment of import and export duties, the person who sells or disposes of such property may be called upon to pay duty thereon at the rate required according to the law relating to the payment of customs duty.

ARTICLE V

Funds used for purposes of furnishing assistance hereunder shall be convertible into currency of Jamaica at the rate providing the largest number of units of such currency per U.S. dollar which, at the time conversion is made, is not unlawful in Jamaica.

ARTICLE VI

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the two Governments and shall remain in force until ninety days after the date of the communication by which either Government gives written notification to the other of its intention to terminate it. In such event, the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to assistance furnished pursuant to this Agreement before such termination.
2. All or any part of the program of assistance provided hereunder may, except as may otherwise be provided in arrangements agreed upon pursuant to Article I hereof, be terminated by either Government if that Government determines that because of changed conditions the continuation of such assistance is unnecessary or undesirable. The termination of such assistance under this provision may include the termination of deliveries of any commodities hereunder not yet delivered.
3. The furnishing of assistance under this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the Government of the United States of America, and the receipt of such assistance by the Government of Jamaica shall be subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the Government of Jamaica.
4. The two Governments or their designated representatives shall, upon request of either of them consult regarding any matter on the application, operation or amendment of this Agreement.
5. Upon the entry into force of this Agreement, the Economic Cooperation Agreement between the United States of America and the United Kingdom, signed at London on July 6, 1948, [note: TIAS 1795; 62 Stat. 2596] as amended, and the Agreement for Technical Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Respect of the Territories for the International Relations of which the Government of the United Kingdom are Responsible, signed at London on July 13, 1951, [note: TIAS 2281; 2 UST 1307] shall no longer be considered to apply to Jamaica. Arrangements or agreements implementing the above-mentioned agreements and concluded prior to entry into force of this Agreement, from such date of entry into force, shall be subject to this Agreement.

Done at Kingston on October 24, 1963, in duplicate, in the English language.

SIGNATORIES:

For the Government of the United States of America
BORIS H. KLOSSON

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For the Government of Jamaica
ALEXANDER BUSTAMANTE