

July 27, 2007

No. 308/07



The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Bolivia and has the honor to refer to the Diplomatic Note of the Embassy of the United States of America dated February 4, 1997, and to the Diplomatic Note number SNIC-SPEX-DAE-51/97-18264 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, dated February 13, 1997, that established an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bolivia concerning the entry into and activities within the Republic of Bolivia of civilian and military personnel of the United States Department of Defense to implement technical, scientific and humanitarian assistance cooperation projects being carried out under the auspices of the United States Armed Forces.

On the basis of the ensuing consultations between representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship and representatives of this Embassy and in

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conformance with the existing legal norms of both our countries, the Embassy of the United States of America has the honor to propose to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Bolivia that we continue the agreement through calendar year 2007, using the original text, amended as follows:

1. The technical, scientific and humanitarian assistance cooperation of the United States of America involves the temporary presence in Bolivia of United States military personnel and Department of Defense (DoD) civilian employees and the use of necessary equipment in development projects that are useful and participatory for the populace through activities such as civil construction, public services, health service assistance, education, and combined military technical assistance.
2. Once projects and/or annual programs are developed by the counterparts representing each Party, both Governments commit to provide to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Bolivia and the Department of State of the United States of America, in a timely manner and through diplomatic channels, the annual schedule of activities and a report of the temporary personnel assigned to these projects.

3. Both Governments agree that the United States military personnel and DOD civilian employees assigned to technical, scientific and humanitarian assistance cooperation will be granted, while the corresponding project continues, a status and treatment equivalent to that provided to administrative and technical personnel of the Embassy of the United States of America accredited to the Republic of Bolivia in accordance with the April 18, 1961, Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, within the standard framework in effect in Bolivia.

4. The Government of Bolivia will permit the temporary entry of necessary equipment and supplies for official use for technical, scientific and humanitarian assistance cooperation under the system of temporary entry, upon presentation of a letter of guarantee from the Embassy of the United States of America in Bolivia, in accordance with the existing legal framework. Equipment and supplies that enter the country as donations will be granted entry as established in the regulations for tax exemptions.

5. Both Governments agree that the United States military personnel and DoD civilian employees assigned to projects of technical, scientific and humanitarian assistance

cooperation who enter Bolivia should have appropriate documentation issued by authorities of the United States of America and a temporary permit for their stay that will be provided by Bolivian diplomatic and consular mission or by appropriate authorities at the time of entry into Bolivian territory, which should be recovered upon the end of the project and departure of such personnel.

6. The Government of Bolivia and the Government of the United States of America reciprocally will waive any and all claims against one another for property damages related to the equipment and material used for development projects in connection with this assistance.

7. The Government of Bolivia agrees that the United States military personnel and DOD civilian employees in Bolivia in connection with the activities under this agreement may perform their assigned medical duties in the course of their official duties without further authorization.

8. This agreement will be valid through calendar year 2007 and may be renewed upon the mutual agreement of the two governments.

If the Government of the Republic of Bolivia is in agreement with the above proposal, the Embassy of the United States of America proposes that this note, together

with the Ministry's response, constitute an agreement between our two governments, which will enter into force on the date of the response of the Government of the Republic of Bolivia. Any differences regarding the interpretation or application of the above proposed agreement will be resolved by consultation between our two Governments.

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



To the Honorable

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship
of the Republic of Bolivia,
La Paz.



TRANSLATION

Republic of Bolivia
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship

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Excellency:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I have received your diplomatic note No. 308 of July 27, 2007, which reads as follows:

[The Spanish translation of U.S. Embassy note No. 308/07 agrees in all substantive respects with the original English text.]

In this regard, I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Republic of Bolivia agrees that the preceding note and this note shall constitute an agreement between our two governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this note.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

David Choquehuanca Céspedes
Minister of Foreign Relations and Worship

His Excellency
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Embassy of the United States of America,
La Paz.