

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of His Majesty's Government of Nepal and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two governments regarding issues related to United States military and civilian personnel of the United States Department of Defense who may be temporarily present in the Kingdom of Nepal in connection with the Multi-Platoon Training Event from January 13 to February 5, 2000.

As a result of these discussions, the Embassy proposes that such personnel be accorded the status equivalent 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 the Kingdom of Nepal with United States identification and with collective movement or individual travel orders.

The Embassy further proposes that such personnel be authorized to wear uniforms while performing official duties and to carry arms while on duty in the training area if authorized to do so by their orders; and that His Majesty's Government of Nepal accord duty-free importation and exportation as well as exemption from internal taxation on products, property, material, and equipment imported into or acquired in the Kingdom of Nepal by or for the United States Government in connection with its official activities provided that these items are removed from the Kingdom of Nepal at the conclusion of the activities.

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Kathmandu
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Aircraft owned or operated by or exclusively for the United States Armed Forces shall not be subject to the payment of landing or overflight or parking charges or fees, while in the Kingdom of Nepal; however, the United States Armed Forces shall pay reasonable charges for services requested and received.

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 or injury or death to personnel of the two governments arising out of the performance of their official duties.

If the foregoing is acceptable to His Majesty's Government of Nepal, the Embassy proposes that this note, together with the Ministry's reply, shall constitute an understanding between the two governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.

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

Embassy of the United States of America,

Kathmandu, January 12, 2000.





MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

His Majesty's Government of Nepal
Kathmandu

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, His Majesty's Government of Nepal presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America with reference to the Embassy's note no. 015 dated 12 January, 2000. It has the honour to state that His Majesty's Government of Nepal welcomes the decision of the US Government to provide support and assistance to the Royal Nepal Army for enhancing their capability in peacekeeping operations. In this connection HMG is pleased that about 50 (fifty) US military and defence personnel will be taking part in the Multi Platoon Training Event which takes place from January 13 to February 5, 2000.

HMG/N shall accord US military and civil personnel the status equivalent 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 the Kingdom of Nepal with United States identification and with collective movement or individual travel orders.

The concerned US military and civilian personnel will be authorized by HMG/N to wear uniform while performing official duties and to carry arms while on duty only in the training area if authorized to do so by their orders.

HMG/N will accord duty-free importation and exportation as well as exemption from direct taxation on products, property, material and equipment imported into the Kingdom of Nepal by the US Government in connection with its training activities provided that these items are removed from the Kingdom of Nepal at the conclusion of the event. The list of all the items to be imported to Nepal shall be furnished by US Government in advance.

The US Armed Forces shall pay the necessary standard charges for the services requested and received.

Both Governments shall waive any and all claims (other than contracted claims) against each other for damage, loss or destruction of the other's property or injury or death to personnel of the two Governments arising out of the performance of their official duties.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, His Majesty's Government of Nepal avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America in Kathmandu the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America
Kathmandu.

January 13, 2000
His Majesty's Govt.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs