

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
CONCERNING THE PROGRAM OF THE
PEACE CORPS IN SIERRA LEONE

The Government of the United States of America (hereinafter "the United States") and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone (hereinafter "Sierra Leone"), recognizing the importance of developing mutually advantageous relationships and cooperation between their countries, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The Government of the United States shall furnish such Peace Corps Volunteers as may be requested by the Government of Sierra Leone and approved by the Government of the United States to perform mutually agreed tasks in Sierra Leone.
2. The Volunteers shall work under the immediate supervision of governmental and private organizations in Sierra Leone designated by the two governments.
3. The Government of the United States shall provide training to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks in the most effective manner.
4. The Government of Sierra Leone shall bear such share of the costs of the Peace Corps program incurred in Sierra Leone as the two governments may agree.

ARTICLE II

1. The Government of Sierra Leone shall accord equitable treatment to the Volunteers and persons performing functions under contract with the Peace Corps and their dependents and property; accord them and their property full aid and protection, including treatment no less favorable than that accorded generally to nationals of the United States residing in Sierra Leone; and fully inform, consult, and cooperate with representatives of the United States with respect to all matters concerning them.
2. The Government of Sierra Leone shall exempt the Volunteers from all taxes on payments that they receive to defray their living costs, on income derived from their Peace Corps work, and on income from other sources outside Sierra Leone; from all customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into Sierra Leone for their own use; and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration/visa fees), except license fees. The Government of Sierra Leone shall issue residence permits and visas (including multiple-entry visas), without fee or other charge, to Volunteers.

ARTICLE III

1. The Government of the United States shall provide the Volunteers, the Peace Corps Representative, and staff of the Representative with such limited quantities of equipment and supplies as the two governments may consider necessary to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks effectively.
2. The Government of Sierra Leone shall exempt from all taxes (including value-added taxes), customs duties, and other charges all equipment, supplies, and other goods and services introduced into or acquired in Sierra Leone by the Government of the United States, or any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder.

ARTICLE IV

1. To enable the Government of the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this Agreement, the Government of Sierra Leone shall receive a Peace Corps Representative and such staff of the Representative (including employees and persons performing functions under contract with Peace Corps, as designated by the Peace Corps Representative), and members of their families forming part of their households, as are acceptable to the Government of Sierra Leone. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other agreement, the Government of Sierra Leone shall exempt such persons, and members of their families forming part of their households, who are not citizens or permanent residents of Sierra Leone from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or other sources outside Sierra Leone, from all customs duties and other charges on their personal property introduced into Sierra Leone for their own use, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration/visa fees), except license fees. In addition, such persons, and members of their families forming part of their households, shall be accorded status equivalent to that accorded administrative and technical staff personnel of the diplomatic mission of the United States, except they shall not be accorded immunities.
2. The Government of Sierra Leone shall issue residence permits and visas (including multiple-entry visas), without fee or other charge, to the Peace Corps Representative, staff, and individuals performing functions under this Agreement, and members of their families forming part of their households.

ARTICLE V

The Government of Sierra Leone shall exempt from investment and deposit requirements and currency controls all funds introduced into Sierra Leone for use in accordance with this Agreement by the Government of the United States or contractors financed by it. Such funds shall be convertible into the currency of Sierra Leone at the highest rate that is not unlawful in Sierra Leone.

ARTICLE VI

1. Appropriate representatives of the two Governments may from time to time make such arrangements with respect to Peace Corps Volunteers and Peace Corps programs in Sierra Leone as appear necessary or desirable for the purpose of implementing this Agreement.

2. Any disputes arising under this Agreement shall be resolved amicably by the two Governments.

ARTICLE VII

The undertakings of each government herein shall be subject to the availability of funds.

ARTICLE VIII

This Agreement may be amended from time to time by mutual consent of the two governments. Any such amendment shall be in writing. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and a future agreement regarding cooperation to facilitate assistance, this Agreement shall prevail concerning the Peace Corps program.

ARTICLE IX

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force until ninety days after the date of the written notification from either Government to the other of its intention to terminate this Agreement.
2. This Agreement supersedes the Agreement between the United States and Sierra Leone relating to the Establishment of a Peace Corps Program in Sierra Leone, effected by an exchange of notes at Freetown, December 29, 1961, which shall terminate upon entry into force of this Agreement.

Done at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sierra Leone, on November 2, 2009,
in duplicate in the English language.



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES GLENN FEDZER



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
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