

DEFENSE

Status of Forces

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

Effected by Exchange of Notes at
Kigali July 5 and 11, 2005

with

Related Notes



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.”

RWANDA

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No. 096

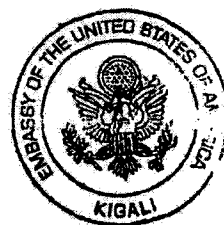
The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda, and has the honor to refer to Diplomatic Note number 165, dated October 27, 2004 regarding the status of United States military and civilian personnel of the United States Department of Defense who may be present in Rwanda in connection with the military airlift of Rwandan military forces in support of operations in Darfur and future mutually agreed activities.

The Embassy of the United States of America has the honor to propose again that such personnel be accorded a status equivalent to that provided to the administrative and technical staff of the United States Embassy under the April 18, 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

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If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Rwanda, the Embassy proposes that this note, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation's reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between the two governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation's reply.

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

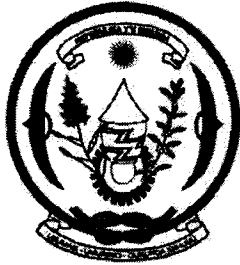


Embassy of the United States of America,

Kigali, July 5, 2005.

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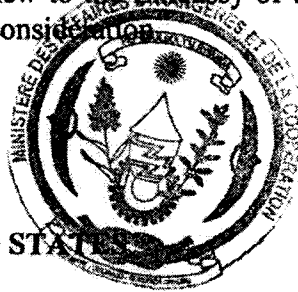


**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND COOPERATION
B.P. 179 KIGALI**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Rwanda and with reference to the latter's note N°096, has the honour to inform the esteemed Embassy that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation agrees that the American military personnel will be accorded the status equivalent to that provided to the administrative and technical staff of the United States Embassy under the April 18, 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations during the airlift operation of Rwandan military forces to Darfur.

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

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Kigali, ...1.1. JUIL. 2005.....

**THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
KIGALI**

No. 165

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda, and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between our two governments regarding the status of United States military personnel and civilian personnel of the United States Department of Defense who may be present in Rwanda in connection with the military airlift of Rwandan military forces in support of operations in Darfur and future mutually agreed activities.

The Embassy of the United States of America has the honor to propose that such personnel be accorded a status equivalent to that provided to the administrative and technical staff of the United States Embassy under the April 18, 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Rwanda, the Embassy proposes that this note, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation's reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between

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the two governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation's reply.

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

Embassy of the United States of America,

Kigali, October 27, 2004.



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND COOPERATION**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of The Republic of Rwanda presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Kigali and referring to the Embassy verbal note no.096 of the 5th of July 2005 and verbal note no.080 of the 21st of August 2006 , has the honour to inform the esteemed Embassy that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation agrees that the United States military and Civilian (defined as members of the United States Armed Forces and civilian employees of the United States Department of Defence , respectively , hereafter referred to collectively as United States personnel) who may be temporarily present in Rwanda in connection with ACOTA training , exercises , humanitarian activities , and other activities as mutually agreed will be accorded the status equivalent to that provided to the administrative and technical staff of the U.S. Embassy under the April 18,1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs require that a list of the personnel that be accorded the status be sent to our Ministry by a note verbal from your Embassy. We request also to the same personnel to have an official or service passports or a document equivalent to it.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of The Republic of Rwanda avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurance of its high consideration.

Embassy of the United States
of America in
Kigali



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