

## **DEFENSE**

### **Status of Forces**

#### **Agreement Between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and CAMEROON**

Effected by Exchange of Notes at  
Yaoundé December 28, 1999  
and February 24, 2000

*with*

Related Letter



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.”

## **CAMEROON**

### **Defense: Status of Forces**

*Agreement effected by exchange of notes at  
Yaoundé December 28, 1999 and February 24, 2000;  
Entered into force September 22, 2015;  
With effect from February 24, 2000.  
With related letter.*



**EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
Yaounde, Cameroon

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

September 22, 2015

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments regarding issues related to U.S. Department of Defense personnel who may be present in Cameroon in connection with the operation of remotely piloted aircraft in Garoua (BA 301).

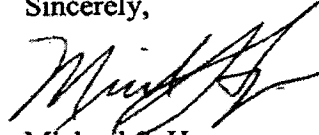
The Government of the United States of America looks forward to continuing our close cooperation with the Government of Cameroon in this important area. This includes discussions in defense channels on a potential Memorandum of Understanding between us describing how we would conduct these activities.

In addition, I would like to recall the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, effected by exchange of notes of December 28, 1999 and February 24, 2000 (attached), as reflected in the Government of the Republic of Cameroon's diplomatic note 000225NV/DIPL/D8 of February 24, 2000.

I have the honor to reaffirm the vital importance of Cameroon's security to the United States and the United States' commitment to supporting Cameroon in its fight against Boko Haram.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the continued assurances of my highest regards.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Hoza

Enclosure:  
As Stated.

H.E. Ferdinand Ngoh Ngoh  
Secretary General,  
Presidency of the Republic of Cameroon,  
Yaoundé.



Republic of Cameroon  
Ministry of External Relations

République du Cameroun  
Ministère des Relations Extérieures

N° 0225  
NV/DIPL/D8.

February 24, 2000.

*The Ministry of External Relations presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and in reference to the latter's diplomatic Note N° 156 dated December 28, 1999 and which reads as follows :*

Quote :

*" The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Relations of the Republic of Cameroon 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 Cameroon in connection with HUMRO/MEDEPLAG exercise and other activities as may be agreed upon by the two Governments.*

*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 United States Embassy under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961, and that they may enter and exit Cameroon 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 if authorized to do so by their orders; and that the Government of Cameroon accord duty-free importation and Exportation as well as exemption from internal taxation on products, property, material, and equipment imported into or acquired in Cameroon by or for the United States Government in connection with its official*

activities. Vehicles, vessels and aircraft owned or operated by or exclusively for the United States Armed Forces shall not be subject to the payment of landing or port fees, pilotage charges, navigation, overflight or parking charges or light and harbor dues, while in Cameroon; 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." End of Quote.

The Ministry of External Relations has the further honor to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that the proposals set forth in the Embassy's Note are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Cameroon with the specific understanding that the last paragraph of the Embassy's Note is amended as follows:

Quote :

" Finally, The Embassy proposes that both Governments waive any and all claims against each other for damage, loss or destruction of other's property or injury or death to personnel of the two Governments arising out of the performance of their official duties.

The two Governments agree however that any collateral damage will be worked out through diplomatic means.

The Ministry of External Relations therefore confirms that the Embassy's Note as amended and this Note shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on this date." End of Quote.

The Ministry of External Relations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration. /- *h*

EMBASSY OF UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA

YAOUNDE

