

**CULTURAL EXCHANGES, PROPERTY
AND COOPERATION**

Peace Corps

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and SRI LANKA**

Signed at Colombo February 26, 2018



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

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SRI LANKA

**Cultural Exchanges, Property
and Cooperation: Peace Corps**

*Agreement signed at Colombo
February 26, 2018;
Entered into force February 26, 2018.*

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF SRI LANKA
CONCERNING THE PROGRAM OF THE PEACE CORPS IN
THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

The Government of the United States of America (hereinafter "the United States") and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (hereinafter "Sri Lanka") 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 (hereinafter "the Volunteers") as may be requested by the Government of Sri Lanka and approved by the Government of the United States to perform mutually agreed tasks in Sri Lanka.
2. The Volunteers shall work under the immediate supervision of governmental and private organizations in Sri Lanka 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 Sri Lanka shall bear such share of the costs of the Peace Corps program incurred in Sri Lanka as the two governments may agree.

ARTICLE II

1. The Government of Sri Lanka 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 Sri Lanka; and fully inform, consult, and cooperate with representatives of the United States with respect to all matters concerning them.

2. The Government of Sri Lanka shall provide to the Volunteers the same exemptions with respect to

- (a) taxes on payments that they receive to defray their living costs, on income derived from their official duties, and on income from other sources outside Sri Lanka;
- (b) customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into Sri Lanka for their own use; and
- (c) all other taxes or other charges (including immigration/visa fees), except license fees

as it provides to members of the administrative and technical staff of the Embassy of the United States in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

3. The Government of Sri Lanka shall issue residence permits and visas to the Volunteers on terms no less favorable than it issues such permits and visas to experts, senior volunteers, members of missions and their families of any international organization performing a similar mission in the Sri Lanka, to include issuing residence permits and multiple entry visas without fee or other charge.

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 Sri Lanka 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 Sri Lanka 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 Sri Lanka 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 Sri Lanka. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other agreement, the Government of Sri Lanka shall exempt such persons, and members of their families forming part of their households who are not citizens or permanent residents of Sri Lanka from all taxes or income derived from their Peace Corps work or other sources outside Sri Lanka, from all customs duties and other charges on their personal property introduced into Sri Lanka 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 Sri Lanka 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 Sri Lanka shall exempt from investment and deposit requirements and currency controls all funds introduced into Sri Lanka 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 Sri Lanka at the highest rate that is not unlawful in Sri Lanka.

ARTICLE VI

1. Appropriate representatives of the two governments may from time to time make such arrangements with respect to the Volunteers and Peace Corps programs in Sri Lanka 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 are 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.

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 of America and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Relating to the Establishment of a Peace Corps Program in Sri Lanka, effected by an exchange of diplomatic notes on November 20, 1983, which shall terminate upon entry into force of this Agreement.

Done at Colombo on the 26th of February 2018 in duplicate in the English language.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF SRI LANKA**

