

DEFENSE

Status of Forces

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

Effected by Exchange of Notes at
Maputo March 3 and 7, 2000



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.”

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 047

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of the two Governments regarding issues related to United States military and civilian personnel of the U.S. Department of Defense who may be temporarily present in Mozambique in connection with the current humanitarian relief operations and other activities as may be agreed upon by the two Governments.

As a result of these discussions, the Embassy has the honor to propose 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 Mozambique with United States identification and with collective movement or individual travel orders. If, notwithstanding the preceding sentence, Mozambique authorities detain any United States personnel, the Mozambique authorities shall immediately notify the Embassy of the United States of America in Mozambique and promptly return such personnel to United States control.

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 Mozambique accord duty-free importation and exportation as well as exemption from internal taxation on products, property, material, and equipment imported into or acquired in Mozambique by or for the United States Government and its personnel in connection with their 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 Mozambique; 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 the Government of Mozambique, the Embassy proposes that this note, together with the Ministry's reply, shall constitute an agreement 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 and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique the assurances of its highest consideration.

***Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation,
Maputo, March 3, 2000***





REPÚBLICA DE MOÇAMBIQUE

MINISTÉRIO DOS NEGÓCIOS ESTRANGEIROS E COOPERAÇÃO

Direcção para as Américas

Nº. 001570 DA/B/1.24/00

Maputo, 07 /03/00

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of the Republic of Mozambique presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note Nº.047, dated on March 3rd, 2000, which reads as follows:

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**Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation,
Maputo, March 3, 2000. "**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation has the further honour 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 Mozambique and to confirm that the Embassy's Note and this Note shall constitute an agreement between the two governments which shall enter into force on this date.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of the Republic of Mozambique avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.



**À
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Maputo**