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**United States of America
and
Ethiopia**

Exchange of notes constituting an Agreement between the United States of America and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia regarding issues related to United States military and civilian personnel of the United States Department of Defense who may be temporarily present in Ethiopia in connection with humanitarian relief, joint exercises and training, and other agreed activities. Addis Ababa, 21 February 2002 and 27 February 2002

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**États-Unis d'Amérique
et
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Échange de notes constituant un accord entre les États-Unis d'Amérique et la République fédérale démocratique d'Éthiopie sur les questions relatives au personnel militaire et civil américain du Département de la défense des États-Unis se trouvant temporairement en Éthiopie dans le cadre de l'aide humanitaire, de manœuvres et d'entraînements conjoints ainsi que d'autres activités convenues d'un commun accord. Addis-Abeba, 21 février 2002 et 27 février 2002

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia 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 Ethiopia in connection with humanitarian relief, joint exercises and training, and other agreed activities.

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 the United States Embassy under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961, and that they may enter and exit Ethiopia 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 Ethiopia accord duty-free importation and exportation as well as exemption from internal taxation on products, property, material, and equipment imported into or acquired in Ethiopia 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 Ethiopia; 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. The Government of Ethiopia recognizes that it is at all times responsible for ensuring that appropriate precautionary measures are taken to deter individuals who might otherwise enter areas where mines or mine clearance materials might exist.