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**Canada, Australia, Greece, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South  
Africa  
and  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

**Agreement between the Royal Hellenic Government of the one part and the Governments of  
Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and the United Kingdom  
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of the other part concerning the graves of  
members of the armed forces of the Commonwealth in Greek territory (with annex).  
Athens, 22 October 1968**

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**Canada, Australie, Grèce, Inde, Nouvelle-Zélande, Pakistan,  
Afrique du Sud  
et  
Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord**

**Accord entre le Gouvernement royal de Grèce, d'une part, et les Gouvernements de  
l'Australie, du Canada, de l'Inde, de la Nouvelle-Zélande, du Pakistan, de l'Afrique du  
Sud et du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord, d'autre part, au  
sujet des sépultures des membres des forces armées du Commonwealth en territoire  
grec (avec annexe). Athènes, 22 octobre 1968**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT - TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE ROYAL HELLENIC GOVERNMENT OF THE ONE PART AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA, CANADA, INDIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND OF THE OTHER PART CONCERNING THE GRAVES OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN GREEK TERRITORY

The Royal Hellenic Government of the one part and the Governments of Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (being countries whose Governments participate in the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and which are hereinafter referred to as "the Participating Countries") of the other part;

Desiring to replace the provisions of the Agreement between Greece and the United Kingdom respecting British War Graves in Greece signed at Athens on 27th August/9th September, 1921 (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement of 1921") by the present Agreement, and desiring to make provision with regard to the cemeteries, graves and memorials of members of the Armed Forces of the Participating Countries who fell as a result of the War of 1939-45 and were interred in Greek territory;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

(1) The present Agreement shall apply to the cemeteries, graves and memorials for which provision was made by the Agreement of 1921 and also to the cemeteries and graves in Greek territory in which are buried the remains of members of the Armed Forces of the Participating Countries who fell in the War of 1939-45 and the memorials which have been erected, or may be erected, in their honour.

(2) the term "Commonwealth War Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials" in the present Agreement shall include the graves, cemeteries and memorials for which provision was made by the Agreement of 1921, as well as those resulting from the War of 1939-45. Where necessary, a distinction shall be made between "Commonwealth War Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials of the 1914-18 War" and "Commonwealth War Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials of the 1939-45 War", as the case may be.

Article 2

(1) The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, incorporated by Royal Charter dated 21st May, 1917 (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") shall be recognised by the Royal Hellenic Government as the sole authority charged on behalf of the Participating Countries with the permanent care of the Commonwealth War Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials in Greek territory.

(2) For the purpose of the exercise of its official functions on behalf of the Participating Countries, the Commission shall be recognised, pursuant to the present Agreement, as having the status of a legal person in Greece.

(3) The Commission shall be entitled to maintain an office in Greece with a staff including up to ten non-Greek employees. If it becomes necessary for the Commission to increase the expatriate staff of their office beyond ten, their request shall be satisfied following prior consultation and agreement with the Royal Hellenic Government.

Article 3

(1) In so far as concerns the areas of land in Greek territory on which are situated the Commonwealth War Cemeteries of the 1914-18 War the present Agreement expressly preserves and continues the rights of the Commission to the free use of such lands as hitherto enjoyed by it pursuant to the Agreement of 1921 and for as long as such use of the land is maintained.

(2) The Royal Hellenic Government undertake to cede free of charge to the Commission the free use of the areas of land in Greek territory on which are situated the Commonwealth War Cemeteries of the 1939-45 War for the purpose set forth in the present Agreement and for so long as such use of the land is maintained.

(3) The Commonwealth War Cemeteries are those listed in the Annex to the present Agreement.

Article 4

(1) The Commission shall be at liberty to transfer to the Commonwealth War Cemeteries such Commonwealth War Graves lying outside those cemeteries as it may deem necessary, whether on account of the isolated position of such graves or for any other reason.

(2) The Royal Hellenic Government shall arrange for the grant by the appropriate Greek authorities of permits for the exhumation and removal of the remains to be so transferred.

Article 5

(1) The Royal Hellenic Government shall recognise the right of the Commission to arrange and provide at its own expense for the layout, maintenance and con-