

## LEND-LEASE<sup>1</sup>

*Agreement signed at Washington, July 11, 1942*

*Entered into force July 11, 1942*

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Whereas the Government of the United States of America and the Provisional Government of Czechoslovakia declare that they are engaged in a cooperative undertaking, together with every other nation or people of like mind, to the end of laying the bases of a just and enduring world peace securing order under law to themselves and all nations;

And whereas the Government of the United States of America and the Provisional Government of Czechoslovakia, as signatories of the Declaration by United Nations of January 1, 1942,<sup>2</sup> have subscribed to a common program of purposes and principles embodied in the Joint Declaration made on August 14, 1941 by the President of the United States of America and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, known as the Atlantic Charter;<sup>3</sup>

And whereas the President of the United States of America has determined, pursuant to the Act of Congress of March 11, 1941,<sup>4</sup> that the defense of Czechoslovakia against aggression is vital to the defense of the United States of America;

And whereas the United States of America has extended and is continuing to extend to the Provisional Government of Czechoslovakia aid in resisting aggression;

And whereas it is expedient that the final determination of the terms and conditions upon which the Provisional Government of Czechoslovakia receives such aid and of the benefits to be received by the United States of America in return therefor should be deferred until the extent of the defense aid is known and until the progress of events makes clearer the final terms and conditions and benefits which will be in the mutual interests of the United States of America and Czechoslovakia and will promote the establishment and maintenance of world peace;

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<sup>1</sup> For lend-lease settlement agreement, see TIAS 1818, *post*, p. 1326.

<sup>2</sup> EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 697.

<sup>3</sup> EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 686.

<sup>4</sup> 55 Stat. 31.