

## LEND-LEASE: PRINCIPLES APPLYING TO AID TO U.S. ARMED FORCES<sup>1</sup>

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*The Belgian Ambassador to the Secretary of State*

AMBASSADE DE BELGIQUE

WASHINGTON, *April 17, 1945*

SIR:

In the United Nations declaration of January 1, 1942,<sup>2</sup> the contracting governments pledged themselves to employ their full resources, military and economic, against those nations with which they are at war; and in the Agreement of June 16, 1942,<sup>3</sup> each contracting government undertook to provide the other with such articles, services, facilities or information useful in the prosecution of their common war undertaking as each may be in a position to supply. It is further the understanding of the Government of Belgium that the general principle to be followed in providing mutual aid as set forth in the said Agreement of June 16, 1942, is that the war production and the war resources of both Nations should be used by the armed forces of each and of the other United Nations in ways which most effectively utilize the available materials, manpower, production facilities and shipping space.

With a view, therefore, to supplementing Article II and Article VI of the Agreement of June 16, 1942, between our two Governments for the provision of reciprocal aid, I have the honor to set forth the understanding of the Government of Belgium of the principles and procedures applicable to the provision of aid by the Government of Belgium to the armed forces of the United States and the manner in which such aid will be correlated with the maintenance of such forces by the United States Government.

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<sup>1</sup> See also lend-lease settlement agreements of Sept. 24, 1946 (TIAS 2064, *post*, p. 631); May 12, 1949 (TIAS 2070, *post*, p. 708); Apr. 20, 1950 (1 UST 437; TIAS 2074); and Jan. 20 and Apr. 2, 1954 (5 UST 647; TIAS 2953).

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

<sup>3</sup> EAS 254, *ante*, p. 571.