

LEND-LEASE¹

Agreement signed at Washington June 16, 1942

Entered into force June 16, 1942

Supplemented by agreements of January 30, 1943,² and April 17 and 19, 1945³

56 Stat. 1504; Executive Agreement Series 254

Whereas the Governments of the United States of America and Belgium 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 Governments of the United States of America and Belgium, as signatories of the Declaration by United Nations of January 1, 1942,⁴ 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;⁵

And whereas the President of the United States of America has determined, pursuant to the Act of Congress of March 11, 1941,⁶ that the defense of Belgium 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 Belgium aid in resisting aggression;

And whereas it is expedient that the final determination of the terms and conditions upon which the Government of Belgium receives such aid and of the benefits to be received by the United States of America in return therefor

¹ 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).

² EAS 313, *post*, p. 582.

³ EAS 481, *post*, p. 594.

⁴ EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 697.

⁵ EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 686.

⁶ 55 Stat. 31.