

RELIEF ASSISTANCE

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Department of State files

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF ALBANIAN NATIONAL ARMY OF LIBERATION

This is an agreement between the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theatre of Operations and Colonel General Enver Hoxha, Commander in Chief Albanian National Army of Liberation, and principal Albanian military authority, made solely in order to expedite the bringing in of relief supplies to the people of Albania.

Whereas the US and UK Governments have offered to bring relief to Albania by means of ML (Albania), a military organisation composed of British and American officers and British technical troops.

And whereas UNRRA has agreed to assist and act as an agency of ML (Albania) until such time as UNRRA is able to assume responsibility for the task, as indicated in para 6(c) (and accordingly for the purpose of this agreement is included in the term "ML (Albania)".)

And whereas the Albanian Military authorities have invited ML (Albania) into Albanian territory for the accomplishment of its task, and have undertaken to assist ML (Albania) therein.

It is therefore agreed as follows:

1. *Basic Principle*

That all relief and supplies, whether brought into the country or part of the local resources, shall be distributed and made available according to the needs of the people without regard to religious, racial or political affiliations, is recognised and agreed as the basis upon which the present agreements are made.

¹ Date of entry into force of agreement between Albania and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.