

LEND LEASE ¹

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AGREEMENT

Whereas the Governments of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics 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 the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as signatories of the Declaration by United Nations of January 1, 1942,² have subscribed to a common program of purposes and principles embodied in the Joint Declaration, known as the Atlantic Charter, made on August 14, 1941³ by the President of the United States of America and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the basic principles of which were adhered to by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on September 24, 1941;⁴

And whereas the President of the United States of America has determined, pursuant to the Act of Congress of March 11, 1941,⁵ that the defense of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics 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 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics aid in resisting aggression;

And whereas it is expedient that the final determination of the terms and conditions upon which the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Re-

¹ See also lend-lease settlements in agreements of Oct. 15, 1945 (7 UST 2819; TIAS 3662); Sept. 27, 1949 (TIAS 2060, *post*, p. 1295); Mar. 26, 1954 (5 UST 1067; TIAS 2990); Dec. 22, 1954 (6 UST 51; TIAS 3168); May 26, 1955 (6 UST 3825; TIAS 3384); and Oct. 18, 1972 (TIAS 7478).

² EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 697.

³ EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 686.

⁴ For background, see *Department of State Bulletin*, Sept. 27, 1941, p. 233.

⁵ 55 Stat. 31.