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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE KINGDOM OF IRAQ ON THE PRINCIPLES APPLYING TO AID FOR DEFENSE

Whereas the Governments of the United States of America and the Kingdom of Iraq 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 Kingdom of Iraq, as signatories of the Declaration by United Nations of January 1, 1942,¹ have subscribed to a common program of purposes and principles embodied in the Joint Declaration made on August 14, 1941² 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;

And whereas the President of the United States of America has determined, pursuant to the Lend-Lease Act,³ that the defense of the Kingdom of Iraq 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 Kingdom of Iraq aid in resisting aggression;

And whereas it is expedient that the final determination of the terms and conditions upon which the Government of Iraq 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 make clearer the final terms and conditions and benefits which will be in the mutual interests of the United States of America and the Kingdom of Iraq and will promote the establishment and maintenance of world peace;

And whereas the Governments of the United States of America and the

¹ EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 697.

² EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 686.

³ 55 Stat. 31.