

LEND-LEASE

Agreement signed at Washington August 9, 1941

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Whereas the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands declare that, with self-restraint and sober purpose, 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 President of the United States of America has determined, pursuant to the Act of Congress of March 11, 1941,² that the defense of the Kingdom of the Netherlands against further aggression is vital to the defense of the United States of America;

And whereas the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands are mutually desirous of concluding an agreement for the providing of defense articles and defense information by either country to the other country, and the making of such an agreement has been in all respects duly authorized, and all acts, conditions and formalities which it may have been necessary to perform, fulfill or execute prior to the making of such an agreement in conformity with the laws either of the United States of America or of the Kingdom of the Netherlands have been performed, fulfilled or executed as required;

The undersigned, being duly authorized for that purpose, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The United States of America will supply the Kingdom of the Netherlands with such defense articles and defense information as the President shall authorize to be transferred.

ARTICLE II

The Kingdom of the Netherlands will, until further notice, pay in advance for all defense articles and defense information requested by it and the transfer of which has been authorized. The United States of America, however, reserves the right at any time to suspend, defer, or stop deliveries of such articles or information whenever in the opinion of the President further deliveries are not consistent with the needs of the defense of the United States of America.

¹ EAS 259, *post*, p. 142.

² 55 Stat. 31.