

# Syria<sup>1</sup>

## RIGHTS OF AMERICAN NATIONALS

*Exchange of notes at Damascus September 7 and 8, 1944*

*Entered into force September 8, 1944*

58 Stat. 1491; Executive Agreement Series 434

*The American Diplomatic Agent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
*September 7, 1944*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government has observed with friendly and sympathetic interest the accelerated transfer of governmental powers to the Syrian and Lebanese Governments since November 1943 and now takes the view that the Syrian and Lebanese Governments may now be considered representative, effectively independent and in a position satisfactorily to fulfil their international obligations and responsibilities.

The United States is, therefore, prepared to extend full and unconditional recognition of the independence of Syria, upon receipt from Your Excellency's Government of written assurances that the existing rights of the United States and its nationals, particularly as set forth in the treaty of 1924 between the United States and France,<sup>2</sup> are fully recognized and will be effectively continued and protected by the Syrian Government, until such time as appropriate bilateral accord may be concluded by direct and mutual agreement between the United States and Syria.

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<sup>1</sup> Certain agreements between the United States and France were, or are, applicable also to Syria. See *ante*, vol. 7, p. 763, FRANCE

<sup>2</sup> TS 695, *ante*, vol. 7, p. 925, FRANCE.