

LEND-LEASE ¹

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Whereas the Governments of the United States of America and the United Mexican States 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, in conformity with the Declaration of Lima of December 24, 1938,² and Declaration XV approved July 30, 1940³ at the Second Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics held at Habana, and in harmony with the spirit and purpose of the Third Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics held at Rio de Janeiro, the Governments of the United States of America and the United Mexican States have determined to cooperate further in the defense of the security and integrity of all the American Republics against acts of aggression directed against any of them;

And whereas the Governments of the United States of America and the United Mexican States, as signatories of the Declaration by United Nations of January 1, 1942,⁴ have subscribed to a common program of purposes and principles embodied in the Joint Declaration made on August 14, 1941, 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;⁵

And whereas the President of the United States of America, pursuant to the Act of the Congress of the United States of America of March 11, 1941,⁶ and the President of the United Mexican States have determined that the defense of each of the American Republics is vital to the defense of all of them;

¹ An arrangement for full settlement within basic terms of the lend-lease agreement was effected by exchange of notes at México Feb. 24, 1951.

² *Ante*, vol. 3, p. 534.

³ For text, see *Department of State Bulletin*, Aug. 24, 1940, p. 136.

⁴ EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 697.

⁵ EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 686.

⁶ 55 Stat. 31.