

LEND-LEASE ¹

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY ON THE PRINCIPLES APPLYING TO AID UNDER THE ACT OF MARCH 11, 1941

Whereas the Government of the Republic of Turkey is desirous of strengthening its national defenses in order that it may be in a position to protect its territorial integrity and sovereign rights in a world at war;

And whereas the President of the United States of America on November 7, 1941 ² determined, pursuant to the Act of Congress of March 11, 1941, ³ that the defense of the Republic of Turkey 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 Republic of Turkey aid in the development of its means of defense;

And whereas it is expedient that the final determination of the terms and conditions upon which the Government of the Republic of Turkey 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 aid is known and until the progress of events makes clearer the final terms and conditions and benefits which will be in the mutual interests of the United States of America and the Republic of Turkey and will promote the establishment and maintenance of world peace;

And whereas the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Turkey are mutually desirous of concluding now a preliminary agreement in regard to the provision of such aid and in regard to certain considerations which shall be taken into account in

¹ See also lend-lease settlement agreement of May 7, 1946 (TIAS 1541, *post*, p. 1158).

² 1941 For. Rel. (III) 922.

³ 55 Stat. 31.