

## LEND-LEASE

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### AGREEMENT

Whereas the Government of the Republic of Liberia 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 has determined, pursuant to the Act of Congress of March 11, 1941,<sup>1</sup> that the defense of the Republic of Liberia 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 Republic of Liberia aid in resisting aggression;

And whereas it is expedient that the final determination of the terms and conditions upon which the Government of the Republic of Liberia 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 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 Liberia and will promote the establishment and maintenance of world peace;

And whereas the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Liberia are mutually desirous of concluding now a preliminary agreement in regard to the provision of defense aid and in regard to certain considerations which shall be taken into account in determining such terms and conditions 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, fulfil 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 Republic of Liberia have been performed, fulfilled or executed as required;

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<sup>1</sup> 55 Stat. 31.