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AGREEMENT¹ ON POSTAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

The Government of Australia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam,

Desirous of developing postal relations between the two countries in order to contribute to the strengthening of cultural and economic cooperation between the two countries in their common interest, and on the basis of the principles of equality and mutual benefit,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Government of Australia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam have agreed to exchange between the two countries letter-post items and postal parcels.

Article 2. Each Contracting Party, according to its conditions and to all possible extent, shall undertake the transit of letter-post items and postal parcels which are sent from the other Contracting Party and intended for other countries, or sent from other countries and intended for the other Contracting Party.

Article 3. The two Contracting Parties undertake to apply appropriate measures to ensure the accuracy, promptness and safety of the exchange of letter-post items and postal parcels between the two countries.

Article 4. The two Postal Administrations of the two Contracting Parties shall help each other to all possible extent in international postal activities which are the concern of the two Contracting Parties.

Article 5. The two Contracting Parties have agreed to use the gold franc of 100 centimes weighing 10/31 gram of a fineness of 0,900 as the unit of currency to compute accounts between the two countries for postal services.

Article 6. The two Contracting Parties as well as their Postal Administrations shall use the French or English languages in their exchange of correspondence concerning postal relations.

Article 7. The Postal Administrations of both Contracting Parties shall sign a Protocol on the administrative arrangements regarding the exchange of postal services between the two countries and the methods of payment.

Article 8. Deletions, alterations and additions to the provisions of this Agreement can only be made by means of an exchange of Diplomatic Notes between the two Contracting Parties.

Article 9. 1. Either Contracting Party may suspend the operation of any or all of the provisions of this Agreement by giving to the other Contracting Party a Diplomatic Note specifying its desire that the provisions set out therein be suspended. In such cases the suspended provisions shall remain in force until the expiration of six calendar months commencing on the day on which such a Diplomatic Note is given by one Contracting Party to the other.

¹ Came into force on 18 October 1979 by signature, in accordance with article 11.

2. Provisions suspended under paragraph 1 of this article may only be reinstated by an exchange of Diplomatic Notes between the two Contracting Parties.

Article 10. In the event of inconsistency between the obligations of the two Contracting Parties under this Agreement and their obligations under the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union,¹ Universal Postal Convention,² Postal Parcels Agreement³ and their General Regulations,⁴ the matter shall be resolved by negotiation between the two Contracting Parties.

Article 11. This Agreement shall come into force upon signature and shall remain in force, notwithstanding the suspension of all its provisions under article 9 above, until the expiration of six calendar months commencing on the day on which one Contracting Party has given to the other a Diplomatic Note specifying the former Contracting Party's desire that the Agreement be terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Ha Noi this eighteenth day of October one thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine in the English and Vietnamese languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government
of Australia:

[Signed]

PHILIP MOULTON KNIGHT
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Australia to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

For the Government
of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam:

[Signed]

PHAM NIEN
Director General of Posts and Telecommunications of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 611, p. 7.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 1005, p. 53.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 243.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 23.