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EXTRADITION TREATY¹ BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the United States of America;

Desiring to provide for more effective cooperation between the two States in the repression of crime; and

Desiring to make a new Treaty for the reciprocal extradition of offenders;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. OBLIGATION TO EXTRADITE

The Contracting Parties agree to extradite to each other, subject to the provisions described in this Treaty, persons found in the territory of one of the Contracting Parties who have been charged with an offense, found guilty of committing an offense, or are wanted for the enforcement of a judicially pronounced penalty involving a deprivation of liberty or detention order.

Article 2. EXTRADITABLE OFFENSES AND JURISDICTION

1. Extraditable offenses under this Treaty are:

a. Offenses referred to in the Appendix to this Treaty which are punishable under the laws of both Contracting Parties;

b. Offenses, whether listed in the Appendix to this Treaty or not, provided they are punishable under the Federal laws of the United States of America and the laws of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

In this connection it shall not matter whether or not the laws of the Contracting Parties place the offense within the same category of offenses or denominate an offense by the same terminology.

2. Extradition shall be granted in respect of an extraditable offense:

a. For prosecution, if the offense is punishable under the laws of both Contracting Parties by deprivation of liberty for a period exceeding one year;

b. For the imposition of a penalty or detention order, if the offense is punishable under the laws of both Contracting Parties by deprivation of liberty for a period exceeding one year; or

c. For the enforcement of a penalty or detention order for such an offense, if the duration of the penalty or detention order still to be served amounts to at least four months.

3. Extradition shall be granted in respect of an extraditable offense committed outside the territory of the Requesting State if:

a. The courts of the Requested State would be competent to exercise jurisdiction in similar circumstances, or

b. The person sought is a national of the Requesting State.

4. Subject to the conditions set out in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, extradition shall also be granted:

¹ Came into force on 15 September 1983, i.e., 30 days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Washington on 16 August 1983, in accordance with article 21 (1) and (2).

a. For attempts to commit or participation in an extraditable offense, including participation in an association of persons whose intention it is to commit the offense;

b. For any extraditable offense when, for the purpose of granting jurisdiction to the United States Government, transportation of persons or property, the use of the mails or other means of carrying out interstate or foreign commerce is also an element of the specific offense.

5. When extradition has been granted in respect of an extraditable offense, it may also be granted in respect of any other extraditable offense which would otherwise not be extraditable only by reason of the operation of paragraph 2.

Article 3. TERRITORIAL APPLICATION

For the purpose of this Treaty the territory of a Contracting Party shall include all territory under the jurisdiction of that Contracting Party, including airspace and territorial waters.

Article 4. POLITICAL AND MILITARY OFFENSES

1. Extradition shall not be granted when in the view of the Requested State the offense for which extradition is requested is of a political character, is connected with an offense of a political character, or it is established that extradition is requested for political purposes.

2. For the purpose of this Treaty a murder or wilful crime against the life or physical integrity of a Head of State or Head of Government of one of the Contracting Parties or of a member of that person's family, including attempts to commit such offenses, shall not be deemed to be offenses within the meaning of paragraph 1.

3. Extradition shall not be granted when the offense for which extradition is requested is a purely military offense.

4. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Authority of the Requested State to decide on any question raised under this Article, except to the extent that the national laws of that State expressly grant such powers to its courts.

Article 5. PRIOR JEOPARDY FOR THE SAME OFFENSE

Extradition shall not be granted when:

a. The person sought is being proceeded against, has been prosecuted, or has been tried and convicted or acquitted by the Requested State for the offense for which extradition is requested; or,

b. The person sought is otherwise immune from prosecution for the offense for which extradition is requested by reason of the law in the Requested State relating to prior jeopardy.

Article 6. LAPSE OF TIME

Extradition shall not be granted when the prosecution or the enforcement of the penalty for the offense for which extradition has been sought has become barred by lapse of time according to the law of the Requested State.

Article 7. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. When the offense for which extradition is requested is punishable by death under the laws of the Requesting State and the laws of the Requested State do not permit such punishment for that offense, extradition may be refused unless the Re-

requesting State furnishes such assurances as the Requested State considers sufficient that the death penalty shall not be imposed, or, if imposed, shall not be executed.

2. In special circumstances, having particular regard to the age, health or other personal condition of the person sought, the Executive Authority of the Requested State may refuse extradition if it has reason to believe that extradition will be incompatible with humanitarian considerations.

Article 8. EXTRADITION OF NATIONALS

1. In the event there is a treaty in force between the Contracting Parties on the execution of foreign penal sanctions, neither Contracting Party may refuse to extradite its own nationals solely on the basis of their nationality.

2. As long as there is no treaty in force between the Contracting Parties on the execution of foreign penal sanctions, neither Contracting Party shall be bound to extradite its own nationals, but the Executive Authority of the Requested State shall, if not prevented by the law of that State, have the power to extradite them if, in its discretion, it be deemed proper to do so.

3. If extradition is not granted solely on the basis of the nationality of the person sought, the Requested State shall, at the request of the Requesting State, submit the case to its competent authorities for the purpose of prosecution, provided that the offense constitutes a criminal offense under the law of that State and that State has jurisdiction over the offense.

Article 9. EXTRADITION PROCEDURES AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. The request for extradition shall be made through the diplomatic channel.

2. The request for extradition shall be accompanied by:

- a. All available information concerning the identity, nationality, and probable location of the person sought;
- b. A statement of the facts of the case including, if possible, the time and location of the crime;
- c. The provisions of the law describing the essential elements and the designation of the offense for which extradition is requested;
- d. The provisions of the law describing the punishment for the offense;
- e. The provisions of the law providing for jurisdiction when the offense was committed outside of the territory of the Requesting State.

3. A request for extradition relating to a person sought for the purpose of prosecution shall be accompanied by:

- a. The original or a certified copy of the warrant of arrest issued by a judge or other competent judicial officer of the Requesting State; and
- b. Such evidence as, according to the law of the Requested State, would justify that person's arrest and committal for trial if the offense had been committed there, including evidence establishing that the person sought is the person to whom the warrant of arrest refers.

4. A request for extradition relating to a convicted person shall be accompanied by:

- a. The original or certified copy of the judgment of conviction pronounced by a court of the Requesting State;

b. Evidence establishing that the person sought is the person to whom the conviction refers.

If the person was found guilty but not sentenced, the request for extradition shall be accompanied by a statement to that effect by the appropriate court and by the original or certified copy of the warrant of arrest.

If the convicted person was sentenced, the request for extradition shall be accompanied by the original or certified copy of the sentence imposed, a statement that the sentence has final and binding effect and is enforceable and a statement showing to what extent the sentence has not been carried out.

5. The documents to be submitted in support of the request for extradition, in accordance with this Article and Article 10, shall be translated into the language of the Requested State.

6. The documents which, according to this Article, shall accompany the extradition request, shall be admitted in evidence when:

a. In the case of a request emanating from the United States, they are signed by a judge or other competent officer;

b. In the case of a request emanating from the Kingdom of the Netherlands, they are signed by a judge or other judicial authority and are certified by the principal diplomatic or consular officer of the United States in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Article 10. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

1. If the competent authority of the Requested State considers that the evidence furnished in support of the request for extradition of a person sought is not sufficient to fulfil the requirements of this Treaty, that State shall request the submission of necessary additional evidence. The Requested State may set a time limit for the submission of such evidence and, upon the Requesting State's application, may grant a reasonable extension of such time limit.

2. If the person sought has been taken into custody and the additional evidence or information submitted is not sufficient, or if such evidence or information is not received within the period specified by the Requested State, that person may be discharged from custody. However, such discharge shall not bar either the continued consideration of the request on the basis of supplemented documents, or, if a final decision has already been taken, the submission of a subsequent request for the same offense. In such a case it shall be sufficient if reference is made in the subsequent request to the supporting documents already submitted, provided these documents will be available at the extradition proceedings.

Article 11. PROVISIONAL ARREST

1. In case of urgency, either Contracting Party may request the provisional arrest of any accused or convicted person. Application for provisional arrest may be made either through the diplomatic channel or directly between the United States Department of Justice and the Ministry of Justice in the Netherlands, or the Ministry of Justice in the Netherlands Antilles, as the case may be.

2. The application shall contain: a description of the person sought, including, if available, the person's nationality; a brief statement of the facts of the case including, if possible, the time and location of the offense; a statement of the existence of a warrant of arrest or a judgment of conviction against that person; and a statement that a request for extradition of the person sought will follow.

3. On receipt of such an application the Requested State shall take the appropriate steps to secure the arrest of the person sought. The Requesting State shall be promptly notified of the result of its application.

4. Provisional arrest shall be terminated if, within a period of 60 days after the apprehension of the person sought, the Requested State has not received the formal request for extradition and the supporting documents mentioned in Article 9.

5. The termination of provisional arrest pursuant to paragraph (4) shall not prejudice the extradition of the person sought if the extradition request and the supporting documents mentioned in Article 9 are delivered at a later date.

Article 12. DECISION AND SURRENDER

1. The Requested State shall promptly communicate through the diplomatic channel to the Requesting State the decision on the request for extradition.

2. The Requested State shall give the reasons for any complete or partial rejection of the request for extradition.

3. If the extradition has been granted, surrender of the person sought shall take place within such time as may be prescribed by the law of the Requested State. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall agree on the time and place of the surrender of the person sought. If, however, that person is not removed from the territory of the Requested State within such time as may be agreed, that person may be set at liberty and the Requested State may subsequently refuse extradition for the same offense.

Article 13. DELAYED DECISION AND TEMPORARY SURRENDER

After a decision on a request for extradition has been rendered in the case of a person who is being proceeded against or is serving a sentence in the territory of the Requested State for a different offense, the Requested State may:

- a. Defer the surrender of the person sought until the conclusion of the proceedings against that person, or the full execution of any punishment that may be or may have been imposed; or
- b. Temporarily surrender the person sought to the Requesting State solely for the purpose of prosecution. The person so surrendered shall be kept in custody while in the Requesting State and returned at the conclusion of the proceedings against that person in accordance with conditions to be determined by mutual agreement of the Contracting Parties.

Article 14. REQUESTS FOR EXTRADITION MADE BY THIRD STATES

The Executive Authority of the Requested State, upon receiving requests from the other Contracting Party and from one or more third States for the extradition of the same person, either for the same offense or for different offenses, shall determine to which State it will extradite that person.

Article 15. RULE OF SPECIALITY

1. A person extradited under this Treaty shall not be detained, tried or punished in the territory of the Requesting State for an offense other than that for which extradition has been granted, nor be extradited by that State to a third State, unless:

- a. That person has left the territory of the Requesting State after extradition and has voluntarily returned to it;

- b. That person has not left the territory of the Requesting State within 30 days after being free to do so; or
- c. The Executive Authority of the Requested State has consented to detention, trial, or punishment of that person for an offense other than that for which extradition was granted, or to extradition to a third State. For this purpose, the Requested State may require the submission of any document or statement mentioned in Article 9, including any statement made by the extradited person with respect to the offense concerned.

These stipulations shall not apply to offenses committed after extradition.

2. If the charge for which the person was extradited is legally altered in the course of proceedings, that person may be prosecuted or sentenced provided the offense under its new legal description is:

- a. Based on the same set of facts contained in the extradition request and its supporting documents; and
- b. Punishable by the same maximum penalty as, or a lesser maximum penalty than, the offense for which that person was extradited.

Article 16. SIMPLIFIED EXTRADITION

If the extradition of a person sought is not obviously precluded by the law of the Requested State and provided the person sought irrevocably agrees in writing to extradition after personally being advised by a judge or competent magistrate of other rights granted in formal extradition proceedings and the protection afforded by them that this person would lose, the Requested State may grant extradition without a formal extradition proceeding having taken place. In this case Article 15 shall not be applicable.

Article 17. SURRENDER OF PROPERTY

1. To the extent permitted under the law of the Requested State and subject to the rights of third parties, which shall be duly respected, all articles, instruments, objects of value or documents relating to the offense, whether or not used for its execution, or which in any other manner may be evidence for the prosecution, shall at the request of the Requesting State be seized and surrendered upon the granting of the extradition. The property mentioned in this Article shall be handed over even if the extradition cannot be effected due to the death, escape or disappearance of the person sought.

2. The Requested State may condition the surrender of property upon a satisfactory assurance from the Requesting State that the property will be returned to the Requested State as soon as possible.

Article 18. TRANSIT

1. Either Contracting Party may authorize the other transit through its territory of a person surrendered by a third State. The Contracting Party requesting transit shall provide the information mentioned in Article 11, paragraph 2, through channels provided in that Article. No such authorization is required where air transportation is used and no landing is scheduled on the territory of the other Contracting Party.

2. If an unscheduled landing on the territory of the other Contracting Party occurs, transit shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph 1. That Contracting

Party may detain the person to be transitted for a period of 96 hours while awaiting the request for transit.

Article 19. EXPENSES

1. The Requested State shall review for legal sufficiency documentation in support of an extradition request prior to submission to its judicial authorities and shall present the request of the Requesting State to such authorities.

2. Expenses related to the translation of documents supporting the request for extradition and to the transportation of the person sought shall be borne by the Requesting State. All other expenses related to the extradition request and proceedings shall be borne by the Requested State. No pecuniary claim, arising out of the arrest, detention, examination and surrender of persons sought under the terms of this Treaty, shall be made by the Requested State against the Requesting State.

Article 20. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This Treaty shall apply to offenses encompassed by Article 2 committed before as well as after the date this Treaty enters into force.

Article 21. RATIFICATION AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This Treaty shall be subject to ratification; the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged in Washington as soon as possible.

2. This Treaty shall enter into force 30 days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

3. On entry into force of this Treaty, the Convention for the Extradition of Criminals of June 2, 1887 and the Treaty Extending the Extradition Convention of January 18, 1904, Between the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall cease to have effect, provided that any extradition proceedings pending in the Requested State at the time this Treaty enters into force shall remain effective thereafter.

4. If the instrument of ratification for the Kingdom of the Netherlands does not provide for simultaneous entry into force of the present Treaty for both of its constituent parts, the Agreements mentioned in paragraph 3 above will remain in force between the United States of America and that part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands not yet bound to the present Treaty.

Article 22. TERRITORY OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

As regards the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the present Treaty shall apply to the territory of the Kingdom in Europe and to the Netherlands Antilles, unless the instrument of ratification of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, referred to in Article 21, shall otherwise provide.

Article 23. DENUNCIATION

1. Either Contracting Party may terminate this Treaty at any time by giving notice to the other Party and the termination shall be effective six months after the date of receipt of such notice.

2. Termination of this Treaty by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands may be limited to one of the constituent parts of the Kingdom.

DONE at The Hague on 24 June 1980 in duplicate in the Dutch and English languages, each version equally authentic.

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APPENDIX

SCHEDULE OF OFFENSES

1. Murder; assault with intent to commit murder.
2. Manslaughter.
3. Malicious wounding; inflicting grievous bodily harm.
4. Arson.
5. Rape; indecent assault; incest; bigamy.
6. Unlawful sexual acts with or upon children under the age specified by the laws of both the Requesting and Requested States.
7. Wilful abandonment of a minor or other dependent person when the life of that minor or that dependent person is or is likely to be injured or endangered.
8. Kidnapping; abduction; false imprisonment.
9. Robbery; burglary; larceny; embezzlement.
10. Fraud, including obtaining property, money or valuable securities by false pretenses, deceit, falsehood, or other fraudulent means.
11. Bribery, including soliciting, offering and accepting.
12. Extortion.
13. Receiving, possessing or transporting anything of value knowing it to have been unlawfully obtained.
14. Offenses relating to criminal breach of trust.
15. An offense against the laws relating to counterfeiting and forgery; including the forging of seals, trademarks, documents, or use of such forgeries.
16. An offense against the laws relating to international transfers of funds.
17. An offense against the laws relating to importation, exportation or transit of goods, articles, or merchandise, including violations of the customs laws.
18. Offenses relating to slavery or the illegal transporting of persons.
19. Offenses against the laws relating to bankruptcy.
20. Offenses against the laws relating to prohibition of private monopoly or unfair trade practices.
21. Perjury; subornation of perjury; making a false statement to a government agency or official.
22. Offenses relating to wilful evasion of taxes and duties.
23. Any act or omission intended or likely to: (a) endanger the safety of an aircraft in flight or of any person on board such aircraft; or (b) destroy or render any aircraft incapable of flight.

24. Any unlawful seizure or exercise of control of an aircraft in flight by force or violence, or by threat of force or violence, or by any other form of intimidation.
 25. Any unlawful act or omission intended or that is likely to endanger the safety of any person in a railway train or in any vessel or other means of transportation.
 26. Piracy, mutiny, or any mutinous act committed on board a vessel.
 27. Malicious damage to property.
 28. Offenses against the laws relating to the traffic in, or the possession, production or manufacture of narcotic drugs, cannabis, psychotropic drugs, cocaine and its derivatives, and other dangerous drugs and chemicals.
 29. Offenses against laws relating to poisonous chemicals or substances injurious to health.
 30. Offenses against the laws relating to firearms, ammunition, explosives, incendiary devices or nuclear materials.
 31. Offenses against the laws relating to the abuse of official authority.
 32. Offenses against the laws relating to obstruction of justice.
 33. Offenses relating to securities and commodities.
 34. Facilitating or permitting the escape of a person from custody.
 35. Incitements to violence.
 36. Any other act for which extradition may be granted in accordance with the laws of both Contracting Parties.
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