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and
SWEDEN**

**Agreement concerning the arrangements for the United Nations
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**Accord relatif aux dispositions à prendre en vue de la Conférence
des Nations Unies sur l'environnement (avec annexe). Signé à
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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN CONCERNING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the United Nations by its resolution 2398 (XXIII)² of 3 December 1968 decided to convene in 1972 a United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

WHEREAS the Government of Sweden (hereinafter referred to as "the Government") by letter of 17 February 1969 invited the United Nations to hold the Conference in Stockholm,

WHEREAS the General Assembly by its resolution 2581 (XXIV)³ of 15 December 1969 decided to accept the invitation of the Government of Sweden,

WHEREAS the General Assembly in its above-mentioned resolutions has defined the objectives and organization of, and participation in the Conference which will be held in Stockholm from 5-16 June 1972,

WHEREAS General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV)⁴ provides that meetings may be held away from established headquarters in cases where the Government issuing an invitation for a meeting to be held within its territory has agreed to defray after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent the additional costs involved,

THEREFORE, the United Nations and the Government hereby agree as follows :

I. PREMISES, EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES

1. The Government shall make available at its expense such conference rooms and offices in the Old Parliament, New Parliament and Folkets Hus as will be necessary for the holding of the Conference. These premises, to be listed in an annex to this Agreement, shall include : four large conference rooms, a number of small rooms for meetings of working groups, press conferences and private meetings of delegations, suitable working areas and all necessary equipment for the press and other information media, suitable office accom-

¹ Came into force on 9 May 1972 by signature, in accordance with article IX (3).

² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 18* (A/7218), p. 2.

³ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, *Supplement No. 30* (A/7630), p. 44.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 86.

modation for officers and staff of the Conference and a number of rooms for delegations.

2. The premises shall remain at the disposition of the United Nations throughout the Conference and for such additional time in advance of the opening and after the closing as the United Nations Secretariat, in consultation with the Government, shall deem necessary for the preparation and settlement of all matters connected with the Conference.

3. The Government shall at its expense furnish, equip and maintain in good repair all the aforementioned rooms and offices in a manner adequate to the effective conduct of the Conference. The four large conference rooms shall be equipped for simultaneous interpretation in five languages and shall have facilities for sound recording and for press, television, radio and film operations. The smaller conference rooms shall also be equipped for simultaneous interpretation.

4. The Government shall at its expense furnish and maintain such equipment as mimeograph and other duplicating machines, typewriters with keyboards in the languages needed, tape recorders, and such other equipment as is necessary for the effective conduct of the Conference.

5. The Government shall provide, within the conference areas, a bank, a post office, and telephone and cable facilities.

6. The Government shall pay for all necessary utility services including telephone communications of the Secretariat of the Conference within Stockholm and communications by telex and telephone between the Secretariat of the Conference and the United Nations Office at Geneva.

7. The United Nations shall provide at its expense all stationery supplies required for the adequate functioning of the Conference as well as stencils and paper required for documents reproduction and the Government shall pay the transport and insurance charges for their shipment from Geneva and return. Other arrangements may be made by mutual agreement between the Government and the United Nations provided that the cost of these supplies to the United Nations does not exceed their normal cost in Geneva.

II. TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATION

1. The Government shall provide at its expense a number of vehicles (cars, minibuses, etc.) for use by officers and staff of the Conference, and shall

ensure a non-stop shuttle service between the three conference buildings to transport delegations and United Nations staff. The Government shall also ensure the availability of adequate transportation for all Conference participants to and from the airport.

2. The Government shall make available facilities to assist delegations, secretariat, press and other participants in the Conference in making hotel reservations for the duration of the Conference.

III. POLICE PROTECTION

The Government shall furnish at its expense such police protection as may be required to ensure the efficient functioning of the Conference without interference of any kind. While such police services shall be under the direct supervision and control of a senior officer provided by the Government, this officer shall work in close co-operation with the responsible United Nations official so as to ensure a proper atmosphere of security and tranquillity.

IV. LOCAL PERSONNEL FOR THE CONFERENCE

1. The Government shall nominate a liaison officer between it and the United Nations who shall be responsible for making the necessary arrangements for the holding of the Conference, as set forth in this Agreement.

2. The Government shall engage and provide at its expense the sound engineers and other technical personnel required to ensure the proper functioning of the facilities referred to in article I, paragraphs 3 and 4 above. The Government shall also engage and provide at its expense documents reproduction and distribution staff and such clerical assistance and house staff as may be necessary, such as huissiers, messengers and cleaners, as well as drivers of the vehicles referred to in article II, paragraph 1 above.

V. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to making the above-mentioned facilities available to the Conference, the Government, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, shall assume responsibility for the additional expenditures to the United Nations budget provisionally estimated at approximately \$250,000 that may be directly or indirectly incurred as a result of the holding of the Conference in Stockholm rather than at the United Nations

Office at Geneva. Reimbursement to the United Nations shall be made as soon as possible after the close of the Conference, and not later than 31 December 1972.

VI. LIABILITY

The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any actions, claims or other demands arising out of (a) injury or damage to person or property in the premises referred to in article I above; (b) injury or damage to person or property caused by, or incurred in using, the transportation referred to in article II above; (c) the employment for the Conference of the personnel referred to in article IV above, and the Government shall hold the United Nations and its personnel harmless in respect of any such actions, claims or other demands.

VII. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. The Conventions on the privileges and immunities of the United Nations¹ and of the specialized agencies,² to which the Government of Sweden is a party, shall be applicable in respect of the Conference.

2. Representatives of Member States and representatives of States not members of the United Nations attending the Conference shall enjoy the privileges and immunities accorded to representatives of State Members of the Organization by article IV of the Convention on the privileges and immunities of the United Nations.

3. Officials of the United Nations performing functions in connexion with the Conference shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided by articles V and VII of the Convention on the privileges and immunities of the United Nations. It is understood, however, that local personnel provided by the Government under article IV of this Agreement shall enjoy only an immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts performed by them in their official capacity in connexion with the Conference.

4. Representatives of the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Conference shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as accorded to officials of comparable rank of the United Nations.

5. The Swedish authorities shall impose no impediment to transit to and from the Conference of the following categories of persons invited by the

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. 15, and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. 1, p. 18).

² *Ibid.*, vol. 33, p. 261. For the final and revised texts of annexes published subsequently, see vol. 71, p. 318; vol. 79, p. 326; vol. 117, p. 386; vol. 275, p. 298; vol. 314, p. 308; vol. 323, p. 364; vol. 327, p. 326; vol. 371, p. 266; vol. 423, p. 284; vol. 559, p. 348, and vol. 645, p. 340.

United Nations to attend the Conference : representatives of Governments and their immediate families; observers of specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations and their immediate families; officials and experts of the United Nations and their immediate families; observers of non-governmental organizations; representatives of the press or of other information media accredited by the United Nations at its discretion after consultation with the Government; and other persons whose presence at the Conference is authorized by the United Nations. Any visa required for such persons shall be granted promptly and without charge.

6. Conference premises for the purpose of the application of the Convention on the privileges and immunities of the United Nations shall be deemed to constitute premises of the United Nations and access thereto shall be under the control and authority of the United Nations.

VIII. IMPORT DUTIES AND TAX

1. The Government shall allow the temporary importation duty-free of all equipment and shall waive import duties and taxes with respect to supplies necessary for the Conference. It shall issue without delay to the United Nations any necessary import and export permits.

2. The Government shall issue to the United Nations an import permit for the supplies needed by the United Nations for official requirements and entertainment schedule of the Conference, to be designated in a separate letter Agreement between the United Nations and the Government.

IX. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This Agreement may be modified by written agreement between the United Nations and the Government.

2. In due course and in good time, the parties to this Agreement will agree on the specific capacity, number or nature of the facilities required under the Agreement.

3. This Agreement shall enter into force when signed on behalf of both parties and shall remain in force for the duration of the Conference and for such time as is necessary for all matters relating to the session of the Conference to be settled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective representatives of the United Nations and of the Government of Sweden have signed this Agreement this ninth day of May one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two.

For the United Nations :
[Signed]
VITTORIO WINSPEARE GUICCIARDI
Under-Secretary-General
Director General,
United Nations Office at Geneva

For the Government of Sweden :
[Signed]
ERIK VON SYDOW
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Sweden
to the United Nations Office
at Geneva

ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN CONCERNING THE ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN
ENVIRONMENT

The localities that the Government shall put at the disposal of the United Nations, and which will constitute the Conference premises relevant to the application of *inter alia* article I, article VI (a) and article VII, 1, are composed as follows :

(a) In the New Parliament the Chamber and the adjacent foyer; room numbers :

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| <i>Plan 1.</i> | 323 |
| <i>Plan 4.</i> | 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 209, 217, 218, 219, 222, 224 |
| <i>Plan 5.</i> | 215, 307, 308, 310, 313, 316, 318, 320 |
| <i>Plan 6.</i> | 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 226, 227, 228, 230, 231, 232, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309 |
| <i>Plan 7.</i> | 201, 203, 204, 205, 215, 225, 226, 227, 230, 236, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522 |
| <i>Plan 8.</i> | 212, 215-C, 223, 229, 230 |
| <i>Plan 9.</i> | 208, 211, 212, 218, 226, 227, 228, 229, 302, 316, 324, 337, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521-A, 521-B |
| <i>Plan 10.</i> | 201, 305, 321, 322, 323 |
| <i>Plan 11.</i> | 302, 304 |
| <i>Plan H-12.</i> | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36 |

(b) The Folkets Hus;

(c) The Old Parliament, except those parts occupied by the Swedish National Bank (Sveriges Riksbank).