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between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the United Nations

New York, 8 and 12 March 1968

## on the United Nations Seminar on Freedom of Association

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by Command of Her Majesty  
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**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF  
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE  
UNITED NATIONS**

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter called "the Government") and the United Nations,

Desiring to give effect to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 926 (X) concerning the programme of advisory services in human rights,

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**Seminar on Freedom of Association**

1. A United Nations seminar on Freedom of Association will be held in London, and will be organized on a world-wide basis.

2. The duration of the seminar shall be from 18 June to 1 July 1968, inclusive.

**ARTICLE II**

**Participation in the seminar**

Participation in the seminar shall be open to the following upon invitation or designation of the Secretary-General:

- (a) Participants and alternates nominated by the Governments of countries invited to the seminar;
- (b) Observers from other States Members of the United Nations;
- (c) Representatives from any specialized agencies of the United Nations;
- (d) Observers from non-governmental organizations in consultative relationship with the Economic and Social Council;
- (e) Members of the United Nations Secretariat.

**ARTICLE III**

**Services to be provided by the United Nations**

1. The United Nations shall provide the following services in connexion with the seminar:

- (a) The services of the members of the United Nations Secretariat, as required;
- (b) The preparation of background papers which will be used as the basis for discussions at the seminar;
- (c) The translation of the background papers into English, French, Spanish and Russian, as required;

(d) The preparation of the draft report of the seminar and the reproduction and distribution of the final report;

(e) Payment of the *pro-forma* costs of salaries, subsistence and travel for two interpreters recruited as from Geneva.

2. The United Nations shall also pay for the travel expenses and subsistence allowance of not more than one participant from each of the participating countries referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of Article II of this Agreement, with the exception of the host country.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Co-operation of the Government in the seminar

1. The Government shall act as host to the seminar.

2. The Government shall nominate officials as liaison officer and assistant liaison officers between the Government and the United Nations, who shall be responsible for making the necessary arrangements concerning the contributions of the Government described in paragraph 3 of this Article.

3. The Government shall provide and defray the costs of:

(a) Adequately furnished and equipped conference premises and the maintenance of the said premises during the seminar;

(b) Office accommodation for the officers and staff of the seminar, the liaison officer and the local personnel mentioned below;

(c) Simultaneous interpretation and amplification equipment as well as tape recorders and tapes, and technicians to operate them, for the conference room; languages used will be English, French, Spanish and Russian.

(d) The services of eight simultaneous interpreters for interpretation from and into English, French, Spanish and Russian, the payment of the *pro-forma* costs of salaries, subsistence and travel of two of these interpreters being borne by the United Nations as provided in sub-paragraph 1 (e) of Article III.

(e) Three or more translators, as required, to translate the draft report from English into French, Spanish and Russian;

(f) An information officer to assist in liaison with local press, radio and film media;

(g) the local administrative personnel required for the proper conduct of the seminar, including reproduction and distribution of working papers and other seminar documents, the personnel to include a documents officer, a conference officer, one English-French and two English secretary-stenographers and four copy-typists to work in English, French, Spanish and Russian; information-reception clerks, mimeograph operators, collators, messengers and security personnel, as appropriate; the services of the secretary-stenographers, copy-typists, mimeograph operators and collators shall be available one week in advance of the seminar;

- (h) Postal, telegraph and telephone facilities for official work in connexion with the seminar; office supplies and equipment required for the proper conduct of the seminar, including English, French, Spanish and Russian keyboard typewriters; mimeograph machines, mimeograph stencils and paper needed for reproduction of technical papers and other documents;
- (i) Local transportation for the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

## ARTICLE V

### Facilities, privileges and immunities

1. The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations<sup>(1)</sup> shall be applicable in respect of the seminar. Accordingly, officials of the United Nations performing functions in connexion with the seminar shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under Articles V and VII of the said Convention.

2. Officials of the specialized agencies attending the seminar in pursuance of sub-paragraph (c) of Article II of this Agreement shall be accorded the privileges and immunities provided under Articles VI and VIII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies<sup>(2)</sup>.

3. For the purposes of this seminar, and in order to ensure to all participants in the seminar, as listed in Article II of this Agreement, the effective and independent exercise of their functions in the United Kingdom in connexion with the seminar, those persons invited by the Secretary-General to participate in the seminar under sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of Article II of this Agreement shall be designated by him as experts on mission for the United Nations and shall be accorded the treatment provided in Article VI of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

4. All persons enumerated in Article II of this Agreement and all persons performing functions in connexion with the seminar who are not nationals of the United Kingdom shall be immune from immigration restrictions and alien registration. They shall be granted facilities for speedy travel. No charge shall be made for the issue, where required, of visas, entry or exit permits.

## ARTICLE 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 conference area referred to in sub-paragraphs 3 (a) and (b) of Article IV;

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(1) " Treaty Series No. 10 (1950) ", Cmd. 7891.

(2) " Treaty Series No. 69 (1959) ", Cmnd. 855.

- (b) injury or damage to person or property caused or incurred in using transportation referred to in sub-paragraph 3 (i) of Article IV;
- (c) the employment for the conference of the personnel referred to in sub-paragraphs 3 (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of Article IV;
- and the Government shall hold the United Nations and its personnel harmless in respect of any such actions, claims or other demands.

## ARTICLE VII

### General provisions

1. This Agreement shall come into force upon signature, or, if it is not signed on the same day on behalf of both parties, on the day on which the second signature is affixed.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the Government and the United Nations, respectively, have signed this Agreement in two copies.

For the Government of the United  
Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland:

CARADON

Place: New York  
Date: 8 March 1968

For the United Nations:

C. A. STAVROPOULOS

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