

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Government of Liberia and the Government of the United States of America,

Desiring to strengthen peace in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

Affirming their right to cooperate for their security and defense in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations;

Recalling the unique relationship which has obtained between the peoples of Liberia and the United States of America for more than one hundred years;

Considering that the Government of Liberia and the Government of the United States of America are founded upon similar constitutional principles;

Considering further that the peoples of Liberia and the United States of America share a common democratic heritage;

Recalling that the Government of the United States of America has traditionally regarded itself as the next friend of the Government of Liberia; and

Reaffirming the historic interest of the Government of the United States of America in the preservation of the independence and territorial integrity of Liberia;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

In the event of aggression or threat of aggression against Liberia, the Government of Liberia and the Government of the United States of America will immediately determine what action may be appropriate for the defense of Liberia.

ARTICLE II

The Government of the United States of America, in accordance with applicable laws of the United States of America and with applicable agreements heretofore or hereafter entered into between the Government of Liberia and the Government of the United States of America, reaffirms that it will continue to furnish the Government of Liberia such assistance as may be mutually agreed upon between the Government of Liberia and the Government of the United States of America, in order to assist the Government of Liberia in the effective promotion of its economic development and in the preservation of its national independence and integrity.

ARTICLE III

This Agreement shall enter into force upon the date of its signature and shall continue in force until one year after the receipt by either Government of written notice of the intention of the other Government to terminate it.

DONE at Washington, in duplicate, this eighth day of
July, 1959.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA:

Geo. Padmore

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Douglas Dillon