

Date of most recent action: September 1, 2004

**Agreement Regarding Financial Support
of the North Atlantic Ice Patrol**

Done: Washington; January 4, 1956

Entry into force: July 5, 1956

In accordance with Article 9, the Agreement entered into force on the date on which it had been signed on behalf of all the Governments named in the preamble of the Agreement [the Governments of Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the French Republic, Greece, the Italian Republic, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America].

In accordance with Article 10 of the Agreement, whenever it is evident that the shipping of a country, the Government of which is not a party to the present Agreement, is benefiting in an appreciable degree from the services of the Ice Patrol the Government of the United States of America shall so inform the other Governments parties to the Agreement. If no objection is raised by any of those Governments, the Government of the United States of America shall extend an invitation to the Government of such country to accept the Agreement. Acceptance shall be effected by transmitting to the Government of the United States of America an appropriate notification in writing. The notification of acceptance of the Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which it is received by the Government of the United States of America.

Note: the Agreement was accepted on behalf of the former Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia on February 14, 1958.

Legend: (no mark) = ratification; **S** = definitive signature; **A** = acceptance; **w** = withdrawal or equivalent action

Participant	Signature	Consent to be bound		Entry into Force	Other Action	Notes
Belgium	March 5, 1956	March 5, 1956	S	July 5, 1956		
Canada	July 5, 1956	July 5, 1956	S	July 5, 1956		
Denmark	January 19, 1956	January 19, 1956	S	July 5, 1956		
Finland		February 17, 1972	A	February 17, 1972		
France	January 6, 1956	January 6, 1956	S	July 5, 1956		
Germany		July 9, 1958	A	July 9, 1958		¹
Greece	February 23, 1956	February 23, 1956	S	July 5, 1956		
Israel		March 14, 1968	A	March 14, 1968	w	²
Italy	March 16, 1956	March 16, 1956	S	July 5, 1956		
Japan		November 18, 1959	A	November 18, 1959		
Liberia		April 23, 1958	A	April 23, 1958	w	³
Netherlands	February 17, 1956	February 17, 1956	S	July 5, 1956	w	⁴
Norway	January 10, 1956	January 10, 1956	S	July 5, 1956		
Panama		August 31, 1959	A	August 31, 1959		
Poland		April 22, 1975	A	April 22, 1975		
Spain		February 3, 1958	A	February 3, 1958		
Sweden	January 18, 1956	January 18, 1956	S	July 5, 1956		

United Kingdom	February 9, 1956	February 9, 1956	S	July 5, 1956		
United States	January 4, 1956	January 4, 1956	S	July 5, 1956		

¹ The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany informed the Secretary of State by a note dated October 29, 1958 that “the Agreement . . . has also become effective for the Land Berlin as of July 9, 1958, the day on which the Agreement entered into force for the Federal Republic of Germany.”

² A notification of withdrawal from the Agreement, dated April 14, 1992, was received from Israel; the withdrawal became effective September 1, 1993.

³ A notification of withdrawal from the Agreement, dated February 13, 1990, was received from Liberia; the withdrawal became effective September 1, 1990.

⁴ Signature of the Agreement by the Netherlands was for the Kingdom in Europe. By a note from the Netherlands Chargé d’Affaires *ad interim*, dated July 5, 1956, the Department of State was informed that the validity of the signature for the Netherlands “is to be extended to vessels flying the flag of the Netherlands Antilles so that the qualification should read ‘for the Kingdom in Europe and the Netherlands Antilles’”.

The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington transmitted to the Department of State a diplomatic note, dated January 9, 1986, which reads as follows:

“The Royal Netherlands Embassy presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to request the Department’s attention for the following with respect to the Department’s capacity of depositary of [the Agreement Regarding Financial Support of the North Atlantic Ice Patrol].

“Effective January 1, 1986 the island of Aruba – formerly part of the Netherlands Antilles – obtained internal autonomy as a country within the Kingdom of The Netherlands. Consequently the Kingdom of The Netherlands as of January 1, 1986 consists of three countries, to wit: the Netherlands proper, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

“Since the abovementioned event concerns only a change in internal constitutional relations within the Kingdom of The Netherlands, and as the Kingdom as such, under international law, will remain the subject with which treaties are concluded, the aforementioned change will have no consequences in international law with regard to treaties concluded by the Kingdom, the application of which (treaties) were extended to the Netherlands Antilles, including Aruba.

“These treaties, thus, will remain applicable for Aruba in its new status as autonomous country within the Kingdom of The Netherlands effective January 1, 1986.

“Consequently the [Agreement] to which the Kingdom of the Netherlands is a Party, and which [has] been extended to the Netherlands Antilles will as of January 1, 1986 apply to all three countries of the Kingdom of The Netherlands.

“The Embassy would appreciate if the other Parties concerned would be notified of the above.

“The Royal Netherlands Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurance of its highest consideration.”

A notification of denunciation of the Agreement, dated November 11, 2003, was received from the Netherlands for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba; the withdrawal became effective September 1, 2004.