

## JORDAN

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT WITH JORDAN

REF: (A) AMMAN 2490, (B) 95 STATE 16199

**[US NOTE TO JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT EXTRACTED FROM MESSAGE]**

**[START EXTRACTED TEXT]**

BEGIN TEXT OF US NOTE:

(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE STATUS OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WHO MAY BE PRESENT IN JORDAN IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

AS RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PROPOSES THAT SUCH PERSONNEL BE ACCORDED THE SAME STATUS AS THAT PROVIDED TO THE TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AND THAT THEY MAY ENTER AND EXIT JORDAN WITH UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IDENTIFICATION AND WITH COLLECTIVE OR INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL ORDERS. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FURTHER PROPOSES THAT SUCH PERSONNEL WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORMS WHILE PERFORMING THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AND TO CARRY ARMS WHILE ON DUTY IF AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY THEIR ORDERS; AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN ACCORD FREE ENTRY INTO AND LANDING UPON THE TERRITORY OF JORDAN, AND ACCORD DUTY-FREE TREATMENT UPON IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION AS WELL AS EXEMPTION FROM INTERNAL DUTIES AND TAXES OF PRODUCTS, PROPERTY, MATERIALS, OR EQUIPMENT IMPORTED INTO OR ACQUIRED IN JORDAN OR ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

FINALLY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PROPOSES THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS (OTHER THAN CONTRACTUAL CLAIMS) AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR DAMAGE, LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY ARISING OUT OF ANY OFFICIAL DUTIES,

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN, THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT THIS NOTE TOGETHER WITH YOUR REPLY, SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, EFFECTIVE FROM THE DATE OF YOUR REPLY. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE). END TEXT

**[END EXTRACTED TEXT]**

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TAGS: MARR, MOPS, PREL, JO, US

SUBJECT: JORDAN AGREES TO PROPOSED 'INTERIM' STATUS OF FORCES  
AGREEMENT (SOFA) TEXT

**[JORDANIAN NOTE TO US GOVERNMENT EXTRACTED FROM MESSAGE]**

**[START EXTRACTED TEXT]**

BEGIN TEXT

NO: MK/3/Z1/366

DATE: 10/4/1996

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN AMMAN AND HAS THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THE U.S. EMBASSY NOTE NO. 261 DATED APRIL 4.1996 REGARDING THE STATUS OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON JORDANIAN TERRITORY.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN ACCEPTS THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED NOTE AND TO CONFIRM THAT THE DRAFT AND THE RELATED U.S. NOTE CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN AVAILS ITSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE ESTEEMED EMBASSY THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

END TEXT

**[END OF EXTRACTED TEXT]**

***TRANSCRIBED MESSAGE TEXT OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES  
FROM US TO JORDAN IN UPPER AND LOWER CASE***

**UNITED STATES - DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. 251 DATED 4 APRIL 1996**

BEGIN TEXT

(complimentary opening) and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between our two governments regarding the status of US. military personnel and civilian employees of the department of defense who may be present in Jordan in connection with their official duties.

As result of these discussions, the United States government proposes that such personnel be accorded the same status as that provided to the technical and administrative staff of the United States Embassy and that they may enter and exit Jordan with United States government identification and with collective or individual travel orders. The United States government further proposes that such personnel would be authorized to wear their uniforms while performing their official duties and to carry arms while on duty if authorized to do so by their orders; and that the government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan accord free entry into and landing upon the territory of Jordan, and accord duty-free treatment upon importation or exportation as well as exemption from internal duties and taxes of products, property, materials, or equipment imported into or acquired in Jordan or on behalf of the United States government.

Finally, the United States government proposes that both governments waive any and all claims (other than contractual claims) against each other for damage loss or destruction of property arising out of any official duties,

If the foregoing is acceptable to the government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Embassy proposes that this note together with your reply, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments, effective from the date of your reply. (complimentary close).

END TEXT

***TRANSCRIBED MESSAGE TEXT OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES  
FROM JORDAN TO US IN UPPER AND LOWER CASE***

**JORDAN - DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. MK/3/Z1/366 DATED 10/4/1996**

BEGIN TEXT

No: MK/3/Z1/366

DATE: 10/4/1996

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Amman and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the U.S. Embassy Note no. 261 dated April 4.1996 regarding the status of U.S. military personnel and civilian employees of the U.S. department of defense on Jordanian territory.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the honour to inform the Embassy that the Government of Jordan accepts the proposal contained in the aforementioned note and to confirm that the draft and the related U.S. note constitute an agreement between the U.S. government and the Jordanian government.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the esteemed Embassy the assurance of its highest consideration.

END TEXT