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**Apr. 13, 1954**

**MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE**

**Status of Military Assistance Advisory Group**

**Agreement between the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and NORWAY**

Effected by Exchange of Notes

Dated at Oslo April 13, 1954

Entered into force April 13, 1954

*The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy*

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The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to draw the attention of the Embassy of the United States of America to the fact that the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces, signed in London on the 19th June, 1951,<sup>[1]</sup> came into effect between Norway and the United States on the 23rd August, 1953.

This Agreement applies to forces of one Party when sent, by arrangement, to serve in the territory of another Party. According to Article I, 1 (a), two Contracting Parties may, however, agree that certain individuals, units, or formations shall not be regarded as constituting or included in a "force" for the purposes of the Agreement.

The status of the Military Assistance Advisory Group, attached to the Embassy of the United States of America, is at present determined by the Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement, signed on the 27th January, 1950,<sup>[2]</sup> and the Norwegian authorities are of the opinion that this position should be maintained.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would therefore propose that the Military Assistance Advisory Group should not be regarded as constituting or included in a "force", and that the Status of Forces Agreement should not have any influence as far as this group is concerned.

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<sup>1</sup> NATO TIAS 2846

<sup>2</sup> TIAS 2016, 1 UST 106

It is suggested that, if acceptable to the United States Government, this note together with the Embassy's reply constitute an affirmation of agreement between our two Governments that personnel of the Military Assistance Advisory Group do not constitute a "force" for the purpose of paragraph 1 (a) of Article I of the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the status of their forces.

OSLO, *13th April, 1954.*

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To

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Oslo

*The American Embassy to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 280

The Embassy of the United States of America has the honor to acknowledge the Note of the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated April 13, 1954, concerning the status of the Military Assistance Advisory Group with reference to Article I, 1 (a) of the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces.

The United States Government agrees that the Military Assistance Advisory Group should not be regarded as constituting or included in a "force" for the purposes of the Agreement, and that the Status of Forces Agreement should not have any influence so far as this Group is concerned.

The Embassy considers that the Note of the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated April 13, 1954, together with this Note, constitute an affirmation of agreement between our two governments that personnel of the Military Assistance Advisory Group do not constitute a "force" for the purpose of paragraph 1 (a) of Article I of the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces.

OSLO, *April 13, 1954.*

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