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Statement Regarding
Agreement between the United States and Saint Lucia
Concerning the Status of United States Military and
Civilian Personnel of the U.S. Department of Defense
Temporarily Present in Saint Lucia in Connection with
Training, Counter-Drug Related Activities, Security
Assistance Programs and Other Agreed Activities.
Effected by exchange of notes at Bridgetown and Castries
December 28 and 29, 2000

This Agreement provides the status of U.S. military and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense who may be temporarily present in Saint Lucia in connection with military exercises and training, counter-drug related activities, United States security assistance programs, or other agreed purposes.

The Department of Defense requested that U.S. military and civilian personnel sent to Saint Lucia in connection with military training and other activities, as may be agreed by the two Governments, be accorded an appropriate legal status while temporarily in that country in connection with such activities. In the absence of an applicable status of forces agreement, U.S. military and civilian personnel are generally fully subject to local law. Consequently, an international agreement is desirable in order to resolve practical difficulties that may arise. The general practice in those cases where there is no applicable status of forces agreement is to conclude an agreement which provides that such individuals be accorded the status equivalent to that accorded to administrative and technical staff of the United States Embassy.

Legal Authority

The President's authority under Article II of the United States Constitution to conduct the foreign relations of the United States.

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