


CANADA



**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, INDIA AND PAKISTAN OF THE ONE PART AND THE IMPERIAL ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT OF THE OTHER PART, RESPECTING THE WAR CEMETERIES, GRAVES AND MEMORIALS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH IN ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY.**

The Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India and Pakistan (being countries whose Governments participate in the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and which are hereinafter referred to as "the participating countries"), and the Imperial Ethiopian Government.

Animated by a common desire that the places of burial in Ethiopian territory of members of the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth Countries who have fallen in the War of 1939-1945 (hereinafter referred to as "the Commonwealth War Cemeteries" or "Commonwealth War Graves" as the case may be) should be protected from risk of disturbance and assured of respect and care,

Have decided to conclude an Agreement for this purpose and have accordingly agreed as follows:—

**ARTICLE I**

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") incorporated by Royal Charter dated the 21st day of May 1917 is recognised by the Imperial Ethiopian Government as the sole authority charged on behalf of the participating countries with the duties of laying out, constructing and maintaining Commonwealth War Cemeteries and Graves. The Imperial Ethiopian Government recognise the right of the Commission to perform all acts necessary to enable it to fulfil its duties and functions in Ethiopian territory and to settle with the Ethiopian Authorities all questions concerning the Commonwealth War Cemeteries and Graves.

**ARTICLE II**

(1) The free use of the areas of land on which the Commonwealth War Cemeteries are presently located shall be granted to the Commission by the Imperial Ethiopian Government free of cost and in perpetuity. It is understood that the said land shall remain the property of the Imperial Ethiopian Government.

(2) Arrangements for the free use by the Commission of land forming the sites of Commonwealth War Graves in publicly or privately owned Cemeteries in Ethiopian territory shall be settled by agreement between the competent Ethiopian Authorities and the Commission. The Imperial Ethiopian Government undertake to use their good offices for this purpose if requested by the Commission.

**ARTICLE III**

(1) The Commission is authorised to enclose the Commonwealth War Cemeteries, to lay them out and construct them according to a scheme approved