

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ROYAL HELLENIC GOVERNMENT OF THE ONE PART AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA, CANADA, INDIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND OF THE OTHER PART CONCERNING THE GRAVES OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN GREEK TERRITORY

The Royal Hellenic Government of the one part and the Governments of Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (being countries whose Governments participate in the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and which are hereinafter referred to as "the Participating Countries") of the other part;

Desiring to replace the provisions of the Agreement between Greece and the United Kingdom respecting British War Graves in Greece signed at Athens on 27th August/9th September, 1921 (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement of 1921") by the present Agreement, and desiring to make provision with regard to the cemeteries, graves and memorials of members of the Armed Forces of the Participating Countries who fell as a result of the War of 1939-45 and were interred in Greek territory;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

(1) The present Agreement shall apply to the cemeteries, graves and memorials for which provision was made by the Agreement of 1921 and also to the cemeteries and graves in Greek territory in which are buried the remains of members of the Armed Forces of the Participating Countries who fell in the War of 1939-45 and the memorials which have been erected, or may be erected, in their honour.

(2) The term "Commonwealth War Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials" in the present Agreement shall include the graves, cemeteries and memorials for which provision was made by the Agreement of 1921, as well as those resulting from the War of 1939-45. Where necessary, a distinction shall be made between "Commonwealth War Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials of the 1914-18 War" and "Commonwealth War Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials of the 1939-45 War", as the case may be.

ARTICLE 2

(1) The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, incorporated by Royal Charter dated 21st May, 1917 (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") shall be recognised by the Royal Hellenic Government as the sole authority charged on behalf of the Participating Countries with the permanent care of the Commonwealth War Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials in Greek territory.

(2) For the purpose of the exercise of its official functions on behalf of the Participating Countries, the Commission shall be recognised, pursuant to the present Agreement, as having the status of a legal person in Greece.