

CIVIL AFFAIRS, EMERGENCIES AND DEFENSE

Evacuation

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and OMAN**

Signed at Muscat September 2, 2021

Entered into force September 2, 2021



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NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE SULTANATE OF OMAN ON COOPERATION TO RELOCATE
INDIVIDUALS AT RISK DUE TO THE SITUATION IN
AFGHANISTAN**

Referring to recent discussions regarding the United States of America's request for urgent cooperation to relocate from the territory of Afghanistan into the territory of another State individuals who are at risk as a result of the situation in Afghanistan (hereinafter referred to as "identified individuals"); and

In order to address this urgent humanitarian situation,

The United States of America and the Sultanate of Oman (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The Parties agree to cooperate regarding efforts to relocate from the territory of Afghanistan into the territory of another State identified individuals.
2. In furtherance of this cooperation, the Sultanate of Oman agrees to host, on a temporary basis, identified individuals to facilitate the resettlement of such individuals on a permanent basis in another location outside the Sultanate of Oman. The United States of America and the Sultanate of Oman agree that the identified individuals to be hosted under this Agreement shall consist of up to 500 Afghans who may be at risk due to their U.S. affiliation, as well as their family members, and shall not exceed 2,500 individuals in total. The United States of America agrees to use best efforts to provide identifying information about these individuals ahead of their arrival in the Sultanate of Oman.
3. The United States of America agrees to relocate identified individuals to another location by the end of 30 days after the day such individuals arrive in the Sultanate of Oman. The United States of America agrees that the identified individuals shall ultimately be resettled either in the United States of America or in another location outside of the United States of America and the Sultanate of Oman.
4. The Sultanate of Oman agrees to identify appropriate facilities to house identified individuals, in coordination with the United States of America.

ARTICLE II

Identified individuals are subject to Sultanate of Oman laws and regulations. The United States of America agrees to coordinate closely with the Sultanate of Oman to monitor security concerns related to this population, and work through the Sultanate of Oman to coordinate security measures and potentially provide supplementary support to the Sultanate of Oman to address any threats and mitigate any risks that emerge during their temporary stay should it become necessary.

ARTICLE III

The Parties agree to coordinate on matters related to COVID-19 mitigation, including with respect to any requirements for quarantine or other applicable public health guidelines established in the Sultanate of Oman, and with respect to the administration of COVID-19 vaccines to identified individuals who are eligible to be vaccinated but have not been vaccinated before their arrival.

ARTICLE IV

In carrying out their responsibilities under this Agreement, the Parties agree to treat all identified individuals in accordance with applicable international law obligations, including applicable international human rights and refugee law obligations, and with respect for the principle of non-refoulement.

ARTICLE V

Unless otherwise agreed, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, the United States of America agrees to bear all costs related to housing identified individuals and for providing the necessary facilities and support to ensure their safety and comfort, including meals, appropriate medical care, security, and local transport as needed, as well as educational needs.

ARTICLE VI

In the event of the death of an identified individual while being hosted in the Sultanate of Oman, the United States of America intends to facilitate appropriate disposition of the remains.

ARTICLE VII

1. This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties.
2. The Parties agree to notify each other of designated points of contact for the purposes of implementing this Agreement.
3. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the Parties.
4. Any disputes that may arise concerning the implementation or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation and negotiation between the Sultanate of Oman and the United States of America.

Signed in Muscat on September 2, 2021, in duplicate, in the English language.

**FOR THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA:**

**FOR THE SULTANATE
OF OMAN:**

 