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**NEW ZEALAND**

**Extradition**

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**TREATY ON EXTRADITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND NEW ZEALAND**

**TEXT:**

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

CONSIDERING THAT:

The Treaty on **Extradition** between the United States of America and **New Zealand** was signed at Washington on January 12, 1970, the original of which Treaty is word for word as follows:

The United States of America and **New Zealand**, desiring to make more effective the cooperation of the two countries for the reciprocal **extradition** of offenders, agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

Each Contracting Party agrees to extradite to the other, in the circumstances and subject to the conditions described in this Treaty, persons found in its territory who have been charged with or convicted of any of the offenses mentioned in Article II of this Treaty [\*2] committed within the territory of the other.

**ARTICLE II**

**Extradition** shall be granted, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, in respect of the following offenses:

1. Murder; attempted murder, comprehending the crime designated under law in the United States as assault with intent to commit murder.
2. Manslaughter.
3. Aggravated wounding, injuring or assault; wounding or injuring with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

4. Unlawful throwing or application of any corrosive or injurious substances.
5. Rape; indecent assault; sodomy.
6. Abortion.
7. Unlawful sexual acts with or upon children under the age specified by the laws of both the requesting and requested parties.
8. Procuring sexual intercourse.
9. Willful abandonment of a minor under the age of six years when the life of that minor is or is likely to be injured or endangered.
10. Bigamy.
11. Kidnapping; child stealing; abduction.
12. Robbery; assault with intent to rob.
13. Burglary; housebreaking or shopbreaking.
14. Larceny.
15. Embezzlement.
16. Obtaining property, money or valuable securities by false pretenses or by conspiracy to defraud the public or any person by deceit or falsehood or other fraudulent [\*3] means, whether such deceit or falsehood or any fraudulent means would or would not amount to a false pretense.
17. Bribery, including soliciting, offering and accepting.
18. Extortion.
19. Receiving and transporting any money, valuable securities or other property knowing the same to have been unlawfully obtained.
20. Fraud by promoter, director, manager or officer of any company, existing or not.
21. Forgery, comprehending the crimes designated under law in the United States as the forgery or false making of private or public obligations and official documents or public records of the government or public authority or the uttering or fraudulent use of the same; uttering what is forged.
22. The making or the utterance, circulation or fraudulent use of counterfeit money or counterfeit seals and stamps of the government or public authority.
23. Knowingly and without lawful authority, making or having in possession any instrument, tool, or machine adopted and intended for the counterfeiting of money, whether coin or paper.
24. Perjury; subornation of perjury.
25. False swearing.
26. Arson and damage to property, utilities, or means of transportation or communication by fire or explosive.
- [\*4] 27. Any malicious act done with intent to cause danger to property or endanger the safety of any person in connection with any means of transportation.
28. Piracy, by statute or by law of nations; mutiny or revolt on board an aircraft or vessel against the authority of the captain or commander of such aircraft or vessel; any seizure or exercise of control, by force or violence or threat of force or violence, of an aircraft or vessel.
29. Malicious injury to property, comprehending willful damage to property under **New Zealand** law.
30. Offenses against the bankruptcy laws which are punishable by more than three months' imprisonment.
31. Offenses against the laws relating to the importation, exportation, supply, or possession of narcotics including dangerous drugs; abetting offense against corresponding law in another country.
32. Unlawful obstruction of justice through bribery of judicial officers; corruption and bribery of heads of government departments or members of the Congress in the United States, or Ministers of the Crown or members of Parliament in **New Zealand**; corruption and bribery of law enforcement officers or government officials; fabrication of evidence; conspiracy to bring [\*5] false accusation; corrupting juries and witnesses by threats, bribes, or other corrupt means.

**Extradition** shall also be granted for attempts to commit, conspiring to commit, or participation in, or inciting, counseling, or attempting to procure any person to commit, or being an accessory after the fact to, any of the offenses mentioned in this Article.

**Extradition** shall also be granted for any offense of which one of the above listed offenses is the substantial element, when, for purposes of granting jurisdiction to the United States Government, transporting or transportation is also an element of the specific offense.

## ARTICLE III

A reference in this Treaty to the territory of a Contracting Party is a reference to all the territory falling under the jurisdiction of that Contracting Party, including territorial waters, and the airspace thereover belonging to or under the control of one of the Contracting Parties, and vessels and aircraft belonging to one of the Contracting Parties or to a citizen or corporation thereof when such vessel is on the high seas or such aircraft is over the high seas. In relation to **New Zealand**, the term "territory" shall include the Cook Islands and Niue. [\*6]

## ARTICLE IV

**Extradition** shall be granted only if the evidence be found sufficient, according to the laws of the place where the person sought shall be found, either to justify his committal for trial if the offense of which he is accused had been committed in that place or to prove that he is the person convicted by the courts of the requesting Party.

## ARTICLE V

Neither of the Contracting Parties shall be bound to deliver up its own citizens under this Treaty, but the executive authority of each shall have the power to deliver them up, if, in its discretion, it be deemed proper to do so.

## ARTICLE VI

**Extradition** shall not be granted in any of the following circumstances:

1. When the person whose surrender is sought is being proceeded against or has been tried and discharged or punished or is otherwise lawfully detained in consequence of such acquittal or conviction in the territory of the requested Party for the offense for which his **extradition** is requested.

2. When the person whose surrender is sought has been tried and acquitted or has undergone his punishment in a third State for the offense for which his **extradition** is requested.

3. When the prosecution or the enforcement of the [\*7] penalty for the offense has become barred by lapse of time according to the laws of the requesting Party or would be barred by lapse of time according to the laws of the requested Party had the offense been committed in its territory.

4. If the offense for which his **extradition** is requested is of a political character, or if he proves that the requisition for his surrender has in fact been made with a view to try or punish him for an offense of a political character. If any question arises as to whether a case comes within the provisions of this paragraph, it shall be determined according to the laws of the requested Party.

## ARTICLE VII

When the offense for which the **extradition** is requested is punishable by death under the laws of the requesting Party and the laws of the requested Party do not permit such punishment for that offense, **extradition** may be refused unless the requesting Party provides such assurances as the requested Party considers sufficient that the death penalty shall not be imposed, or, if imposed, shall not be executed.

## ARTICLE VIII

When the person whose **extradition** is requested is being proceeded against or is serving a sentence or is otherwise lawfully detained [\*8] in the territory of the requested Party for an offense other than that for which **extradition** has been requested, his surrender may be deferred until the conclusion of the proceedings and the full execution of any punishment he may be or may have been awarded.

When the person whose **extradition** is requested was previously surrendered by a third State for prosecution or execution of sentence no action shall be taken pursuant to such request until such time has elapsed as is required by any treaty with that third State or until he has had an opportunity of leaving the territory of the requested Party.

## ARTICLE IX

The determination that **extradition** based upon the request therefor should or should not be granted shall be made in accordance with the laws of the requested Party and the person whose **extradition** is sought shall have the right to use such remedies and recourses as are provided by such law.

## ARTICLE X

The request for **extradition** shall be made through the diplomatic channel.

The request shall be accompanied by a description of the person sought, a statement of the facts of the case, the text of the applicable laws of the requesting Party including the law defining the offense, the [\*9] law prescribing the punishment for the offense, and the law relating to the limitation of the legal proceedings.

When the request relates to a person who has not yet been convicted, it must also be accompanied by a warrant of arrest issued by a judge or other judicial officer of the requesting Party and by such evidence as, according to the laws of the requested Party, would justify his arrest and committal for trial if the offense had been committed there, including evidence proving the person requested is the person to whom the warrant of arrest refers.

When the request relates to a person already convicted, it must be accompanied by the judgment of conviction and sentence passed against him in the territory of the requesting Party, by a statement showing how much of the sentence has not been served, and by evidence proving that the person requested is the person to whom the sentence refers.

The warrant of arrest and deposition or other evidence, given under oath, and the judicial documents establishing the existence of the conviction, or certified copies of these documents, shall be admitted in evidence in the examination of the request for **extradition** when, in the case of a request [\*10] emanating from **New Zealand** they bear the signature or are accompanied by the attestation of a judge, magistrate or other official or are authenticated by the certificate of the Attorney General or Solicitor General and, in any case, are certified by the principal diplomatic or consular officer of the United States in **New Zealand**, or when, in the case of a request emanating from the United States, in the case of a warrant it is signed and in the case of other documents they are certified by a judge, magistrate or official of the United States, and, in every case, they are sealed by the official seal of the Department of State.

#### ARTICLE XI

In case of urgency a Contracting Party may apply for the provisional arrest of the person sought pending the presentation of the request for **extradition** through the diplomatic channel. The application shall contain a description of the person sought, an indication of intention to request the **extradition** of the person sought and a statement of the existence of a warrant of arrest or a judgment of conviction against that person, and such further information, if any, as would be necessary to justify the issue of a warrant of arrest had the offense been [\*11] committed, or the person sought been convicted, in the territory of the requested Party.

On receipt of such an application the requested Party shall take the necessary steps to secure the arrest of the person claimed.

A person arrested upon such an application shall be set at liberty upon the expiration of 45 days from the date of his arrest if a request for his **extradition** accompanied by the documents specified in Article X shall not have been received. However, this stipulation shall not prevent the institution of proceedings with a view to extraditing the person sought if the request is subsequently received.

#### ARTICLE XII

If the requested Party requires additional evidence or information to enable it to decide on the request for **extradition**, such evidence or information shall be submitted to it within such time as that Party shall require.

If the person sought is under arrest and the additional evidence or information submitted as aforesaid is not sufficient or if such evidence or information is not received within the period specified by the requested Party, he shall be discharged from custody. However, such discharge shall not bar the requesting Party from submitting another request [\*12] in respect of the same offense.

#### ARTICLE XIII

A person extradited under the present Treaty shall not be detained, tried or punished in the territory of the requesting Party for any offense other than an extraditable offense disclosed by the facts on which his surrender was granted nor be extradited or surrendered under an analogous procedure by that Party to a third State unless:

1. He has left the territory of the requesting Party after his **extradition** and has voluntarily returned to it; or
2. He has not left the territory of the requesting Party within 60 days after being free to do so.

These stipulations shall not apply to offenses committed after the **extradition**.

## ARTICLE XIV

A requested Party upon receiving two or more requests for the **extradition** of the same person either for the same offense, or for different offenses, shall determine to which of the requesting States it will extradite the person sought, taking into consideration the circumstances and particularly the possibility of a later **extradition** between the requesting States, the seriousness of each offense, the place where the offense was committed, the nationality of the person sought, the dates upon which the requests [\*13] were received and the provisions of any **extradition** agreements between the requested Party and the other requesting State or States.

## ARTICLE XV

The requested Party shall promptly communicate to the requesting Party through the diplomatic channel the decision on the request for **extradition**.

If a warrant or order for the **extradition** of a person sought has been issued by the competent authority and he is not removed from the territory of the requested Party within such time as may be prescribed by the laws of that Party, he may be set at liberty and the requested Party may subsequently refuse to extradite that person for the same offense.

## ARTICLE XVI

To the extent permitted under the law of the requested Party and subject to the rights of third parties, which shall be duly respected, all articles acquired as a result of the offense or which may be required as evidence shall, if found, be surrendered if **extradition** is granted.

## ARTICLE XVII

Expenses related to the transportation of the person sought shall be paid by the requesting Party. The appropriate legal officers of the country in which the **extradition** proceedings take place shall, by all legal means within their power, assist the [\*14] officers of the requesting Party before the respective judges and magistrates. No pecuniary claim, arising out of the arrest, detention, examination and surrender of persons sought under the terms of this Treaty shall be made by the requested Party against the requesting Party other than as specified in the second and third paragraphs of this Article.

The requested Party shall be reimbursed for the lodging, maintenance and board of the person sought.

The legal officers, other officers of the requested Party, and court stenographers, if any, of the requested Party who shall, in the usual course of their duty, give assistance and who receive no salary or compensation other than specific fees for services performed, shall be entitled to receive from the requesting Party the usual payment for such acts or services performed by them in the same manner and to the same amount as though such acts or services had been performed in ordinary criminal proceedings under the laws of the country of which they are officers.

## ARTICLE XVIII

This Treaty shall apply to offenses specified in Article II committed before as well as after the date this Treaty enters into force, provided that no **extradition** [\*15] shall be granted for an offense committed before the date this Treaty enters into force which was not an offense under the laws of both countries at the time of its commission.

## ARTICLE XIX

This Treaty shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged in Wellington as soon as possible.

This Treaty shall supersede any existing **extradition** treaty and provisions on **extradition** in any other treaty in force between the United States and **New Zealand** n1 and shall enter into force upon the exchange of ratifications. It may be terminated by either Contracting Party giving notice of termination to the other Contracting Party at any time and the termination shall be effective six months after the date of receipt of such notice.

n1 Insofar as applicable to **New Zealand**: Convention of July 12, 1899, as supplemented, between the United States and the United Kingdom. TS 139, 391, 458; 26 Stat. 1508; 32 Stat. 1864; 34 Stat. 2903. Article 10 of treaty of August 9, 1842 between the United States and the United Kingdom. TS 119; 8 Stat. 572.

[\*16]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Treaty.

DONE in duplicate at Washington this twelfth day of January, one thousand nine hundred seventy.

The Senate of the United States of America by its resolution of May 27, 1970, two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein, gave its advice and consent to ratification of the Treaty;

The Treaty was ratified by the President of the United States of America on June 24, 1970, in pursuance of the advice and consent of the Senate, and has been duly ratified on the part of the Government of **New Zealand**;

The respective instruments of ratification were exchanged at Wellington on December 8, 1970;

It is provided in Article XIX of the Treaty that the Treaty shall enter into force upon the exchange of ratifications;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Richard Nixon, President of the United States of America, proclaim and make public the Treaty, to the end that it shall be observed and fulfilled with good faith on and after December 8, 1970 by the United States of America and by the citizens of the United States of America and all other persons subject to the jurisdiction thereof.

IN [\*17] TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed this proclamation and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington this tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fifth.

[SEAL]

**SIGNATORIES:**

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:  
WILLIAM P ROGERS

FOR **NEW ZEALAND**:  
FRANK CORNER

RICHARD NIXON

By the President:  
WILLIAM P ROGERS  
*Secretary of State*