

No. 23-042

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In view of the mutual benefits to be derived from continued cooperation between the United States and Australia under this cooperative program, the Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes that, in accordance with paragraph 18(a) of the Agreement, the Agreement be extended an additional ten years, until June 12, 2032.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

The Embassy further proposes that, if the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Australia, this note and the Government of Australia's affirmative note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia which shall enter into force on the date of the Department's note in reply, with effect from June 12, 2022.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Canberra, March 10, 2023





Note No. XX

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The Department is pleased to advise that Australian domestic processes for entry into force of the extension of the Agreement until 12 June 2032 have been completed. The extension of the Agreement will enter into force on the date of this note with effect from 12 June 2022.

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