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A LAW TO MAKE PROVISION FOR AND TO FACILITATE THE RAPID ACQUISITION OF LAND REQUIRED FOR PURPOSES OF RECONSTRUCTION AND OF HOUSING PERSONS RENDERED HOMELESS BY EARTHQUAKE IN THE PAPHOS DISTRICT.

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[17th October, 1953.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Land Acquisition (Paphos Earthquake) Law.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—
“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Paphos;

“land” includes—

(a) land with the grazing rights on or over such land;

(b) land with all water and water rights on, over or under such land;

(c) buildings and other erections;

(d) trees, vines and standing crops;

(e) easements, privileges and liberties appertaining or reputed to appertain to land;

(f) water and water rights, held independently of land, where the acquisition thereof is

required for the purposes of any land acquired under the provisions of this Law;

“Municipal Corporation” means the Municipal Corporation of Paphos.

3. (1) The Commissioner shall have power, by order published in the Gazette, to acquire compulsorily any land, wherever situated, which, in his opinion, is required for, or in connection with, any of the following purposes, that is to say:—

Acquisition of land for purposes of housing and reconstruction.

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- (a) for the purpose of resiting any village, or part thereof, in the Paphos District, which has been totally or partially destroyed by earthquake;
- (b) for the purpose of establishing a housing estate in the Town of Ktima in the Paphos District in order to provide houses for persons rendered homeless by earthquake;
- (c) for the purpose generally of providing houses for persons rendered homeless by earthquake;
- (d) for the purpose of erecting churches, mosques, schools and other buildings, which have been destroyed, or damaged beyond repair, by earthquake and which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, are essential to the wellbeing of the community;
- (e) for the purpose of erecting any building or structure of a public nature, for use as a school, social welfare centre, community centre or for such other public purpose as, in the opinion of the Commissioner, will assist the relief of suffering and promote the wellbeing of the community of a village affected by earthquake.

2(b) of 7/54.

(2) A certified copy of any order made under this section shall be posted at convenient places on or near the land to be acquired.

(3) Every order made under this section shall define adequately, with or without reference to a plan, the land to be acquired.

4. The title to land acquired by the Commissioner under this Law shall vest in the Government and the publication in the Gazette of an order made under section 3 of this Law shall be sufficient authority to the Director of Lands and Surveys to effect the registration of the title to such land in the name of the Government:

Title to **acquired** land.

Provided that any land acquired under the provisions of this Law may be leased, or the title thereto may be transferred, with or without valuable consideration, to any person, body of persons, or to the Municipal Corporation,

on condition that such land is used for, or in connection with, any of the purposes set out in subsection (1) of section 3 of this Law.

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tion.
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5. The provisions of the Land Acquisition Law relating to the determination of the amount of, and payment of, compensation, shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to land acquired under the provisions of this Law as they apply to land acquired under the provisions of the said Law.