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between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of Ethiopia

extending the period of the operations of
the Mixed Commission to demarcate the
boundary between Kenya and Ethiopia

Addis Ababa, December 15, 1953/January 11, 1954

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE MIXED COMMISSION TO DEMARCATÉ THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN KENYA AND ETHIOPIA

Addis Ababa, December 15, 1953/January 11, 1954

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Addis Ababa to the Ethiopian
Minister for Foreign Affairs*

*British Embassy,
Addis Ababa,*

Your Excellency,

15th December, 1953.

I have the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes between Mr. Lascelles and His Excellency Zaude Gabre Heywot which took place at Addis Ababa on the 3rd of July, 1950,⁽¹⁾ for the appointment of a Mixed Commission to demarcate the boundary between Kenya and Ethiopia.

2. According to paragraph 2 (xxii) of Mr. Lascelles' Note, the work of the Mixed Commission shall be "concluded as soon as possible and in any case within a total period not exceeding three years from the date of its commencement including any adjournments that may be found necessary. Any extension beyond three years shall be the subject of specific agreement between the Contracting Governments." The Mixed Commission first met on the Boundary on the 17th of March, 1951, so that, according to the terms of the Exchange of Notes, it appears that the Commission should cease to operate on the 17th of March, 1954. As, however, the Commission will be unable to complete its task by that date I have the honour, upon instructions from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to propose that the period of the Mixed Commission's operations be extended from the 17th of March, 1954, to the 1st of April, 1955, or to any earlier date upon which the Mixed Commission may conclude their work, and that the other provisions of the Exchange of Notes of the 3rd of July, 1950, shall continue to apply as the Mixed Commission's terms of reference during that period.

3. If the Imperial Ethiopian Government are prepared to accept the foregoing proposal, I have the honour to propose that the present Note and your Excellency's reply to that effect should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Imperial Ethiopian Government, which shall take effect on the 17th of March, 1954.

I have, &c.

D. L. BUSK.

⁽¹⁾ "Treaty Series No. 18 (1951)," Cmd. 8173.

No. 2

*The Ethiopian Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's
Ambassador at Addis Ababa*

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Addis Ababa,*

11th January, 1954.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your Note of 15th December, 1953, proposing the modification of the Exchange of Notes of 3rd July, 1950, concerning the demarcation of the boundary between Ethiopia and Kenya.

The Imperial Ethiopian Government are agreeable to the proposal as formulated in the second paragraph of the Note under reference that, pursuant to paragraph 2 (xxii) of the Exchange of Notes of 3rd July, 1950, the period of Mixed Operations shall be extended from 17th March, 1954, to 1st April, 1955, or to any earlier date upon which the Mixed Commission may conclude their work, and that the other provisions of the aforesaid Exchange of Notes shall continue to apply as the Mixed Commission's terms of reference during that period.

Accordingly, I have the honour to agree that the Note under reference and the present Note shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments which shall take effect immediately.

I avail, &c.

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