



Treaty Series No. 61 (1957)

Exchange of Notes

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

concerning the purchase of certain ships
of the British Reserve Fleet by the
Turkish Government

Istanbul/Ankara, August 16, 1957

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Istanbul/Ankara, August 16, 1957

No. 1

Her Majesty's Ambassador at Ankara to the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs

British Embassy,

Your Excellency,

Istanbul, August 16, 1957.

I have the honour to refer to the discussions between representatives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Turkish Republic concerning the purchase of certain ships of the British Reserve Fleet by the Turkish Government. As a result of these discussions agreement was reached in principle in the following terms:—

- (1) The Government of the United Kingdom will make available to the Turkish Government four "M" Class destroyers of the British Reserve Fleet and will arrange for the immediate transfer of title to these ships, which will then be at the risk of the Turkish Government.
- (2) The Government of the United Kingdom will refit the vessels within an estimated maximum cost of £500,000 per ship, and provide them with initial stores and spares, on a scale recommended by the British Admiralty and agreed by representatives of the Turkish Government.
- (3) The Government of the United Kingdom will make the necessary payments, as and when required, in connexion with the cost of refitting and the provision of initial stores and spares, direct from the sum to be made available in paragraph (4) below.
- (4) The Government of the Turkish Republic have deposited the sum of £100,000, and the Government of the United Kingdom undertake to grant to the Turkish Government a loan of £2,900,000, towards the total purchase price of the hulls, the cost of refitting them, and the initial stores and spares.
- (5) Interest at the rate of 5% per annum will be payable commencing, in respect of that part of the loan applicable to each destroyer, from the date on which each destroyer sails from the United Kingdom.
- (6) The sum of £2,900,000 loaned to the Turkish Government under the provisions of paragraph (4) above, together with simple interest thereon calculated in accordance with paragraph (5), and outstanding on the first day of January, 1968 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal sum") shall be repaid by the Government of the Turkish Republic to the Government of the United Kingdom in pounds sterling by means of ten equal half-yearly instalments, payable on the first day of July and on the first day of January, of such amount as will secure the repayment by the first day of January, 1973, of the principal sum.
- (7) The Turkish Government will insure the ships against loss or damage and make them available to the Government of the United Kingdom

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CORRIGENDUM

For the reference in the heading of each Note to “the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs” *should be substituted*:—

“the Secretary-General of the Turkish Ministry for Foreign Affairs”.

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for the initial refit. In the event of any claims being made against insurance for loss or damage to the ships while being towed to the refitting ports or during the period they are undergoing refit, the Turkish Government will remit to the Government of the United Kingdom any insurance monies received. Monies made available in respect of loss will be debited to the total amount of the loan outstanding at that date, while monies made available in respect of damage will be put by the Government of the United Kingdom towards the cost of making good that damage.

I now have the honour upon instructions from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to inform your Excellency that the above terms are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom, and if they are likewise acceptable to the Government of the Turkish Republic to propose that this Note, together with your Excellency's reply in that sense, should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on this day's date.

I have, &c.

JAMES BOWKER.

No. 2

The Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Ankara

Your Excellency,

Ankara, August 16, 1957.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of to-day's date, which reads as follows:—

[As in No. 1.]

In reply I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Turkish Republic accept the above proposals and agree that your Note, together with this reply, shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall take effect this day.

I have, &c.

MELIH ESENBEL.

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