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Exchange of Notes

concerning the Termination of Special Treaty Relations

between the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the State of Qatar

Geneva, 3 September 1971

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES

CONCERNING THE TERMINATION OF SPECIAL TREATY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE STATE OF QATAR

No. 1

Her Majesty's Political Resident at Bahrain to His Highness the Ruler of Qatar

Your Highness,

3rd September, 1971

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place between Your Highness and myself concerning the termination of the special treaty relations between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the State of Qatar and to the desire of Your Highness's Government that the State of Qatar should resume full international responsibility as a sovereign and independent State. The following conclusions were reached in the course of these discussions:

- (1) The special treaty relations between the United Kingdom and the State of Qatar, which are inconsistent with full international responsibility as a sovereign and independent State, shall terminate with effect from today's date.
- (2) The General Treaty of the 3rd of November 1916(1) and the treaties and engagements which the State of Qatar accepted thereunder and all other agreements, engagements, undertakings and arrangements between the United Kingdom and the State of Qatar flowing from the special treaty relations between the two States shall terminate with effect from the same date.
- (3) The relations between the United Kingdom and the State of Qatar shall continue to be governed by a spirit of close friendship and co-operation, and to this end a Treaty of Friendship concerning the future relations between the two States shall be signed. If the foregoing correctly represents the conclusions reached between Your Highness and myself I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your Highness's reply to that effect, shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on today's date.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Highness the assurances of my highest consideration.

GEOFFREY ARTHUR

Her Britannic Majesty's Political Resident

⁽¹⁾ Aitchison: A Collection of Treaties, Engagements and Sanads relating to India, 5th ed., Vol. II, p.258.

His Highness the Ruler of Qatar to Her Majesty's Political Resident at Bahrain

التائخ ٣/٩/١٧١٠

يا ضاحب السعيسادة ،

احييكم أطيب تحيسةً •

وبعنسد ، فاشارة الى مذكسرة سعادتكم المجررة بتاريخ اليسم ونعها كما يلسي ،

" اتشرف بان اشير الى المجادثات التي جرت بين سعوكم وبيثي بشسسسان الهسسسساء الملاتسات التماهدية الخاصة بين السلكة المتحدة لبريطانيا المطفى وايرلندا الشماليسسسسنة ودرلة تطر ورفية حكومة سعوكم في ان تستعيد دولة قطر كامل مسئولياتها الدولية كدولة مستقلسة ذات

ولقد تم الاتفاق خلال تلك المحادثات على النتائم الاتيـة:

- أنها الملاقات التماهدية الخاصة بين المملكة المتحدة ودولة قطر لمنافاتها لتولي دولسمة
 قطر كامل مسئولياتها الدولية كدولة مستقلة ذات سيسادة ، اعتبارا من تاريخ هذا اليم •
- ٢٠ انها المعاهدة العامة المؤرخة ٣ نونبر ١٩١٦ والمعاهدات والالتزامات التي تبلتها دولسة قطر بالتطبيق لتلك المعاهدة وجميع الاتفاقات والتعهدات والالتزامات والترتيبات بين المملكة المتحددة ودولة قطر المنبثقة عن العلاقات التعاهدية الخاصة بين الدولتين وذلك اعتبارا مسن تاريخ اليسميم .
- ٣- استعرار العلاقات بين العملكة المتحدة ودولة قطر تسود ها روح التعاون والصداقة الوثيقسية •
 ولهذا الغرض تعقد معاهدة صداقة بين الدولتين تنظم علاقاتهما في المستقبل •
- فاذا كان ما سبق ذكره يمثل تمثيلا صحيحا النتائج التي تم الاتفاق عليها بين سموكم وبيسني ، فلي الشرف ان انسترج ان تعتسير هذه المذكرة وجواب سموكم بالموافقة عليها اتفاقا بين الحكوستين في هذا الشأن يسرى مفعوله اعتبارا من تاريخ اليم •
- وانسي لافستم هسده المناسبة لاجسدد لسموكم تأكيداتي لكم باسعى معاني تقديسسرى " يسعدنسي ، جوابا على هذه المذكرة ، ان اؤكد لسعادتكم موافقتي على ان ما جا مبهسسا يشسل تمثيلا صحيحا النتائج التي تم الاتفاق عليها خلال محادثاتي معكم وان تلك المذكرة وجوابسسي هذا عليها يشكلان معا اتفاقية بين حكومتينا في هذا الشأن يسرى مفعولها من تاريخ هذا اليوم •

وتقبلوا سمادتكم فائسق التحية والتقدير

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[Translation of No. 2]

Your Excellency,

3rd September, 1971

With reference to Your Excellency's Note of today's date which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply to this Note, I have the pleasure to confirm to Your Excellency my agreement that the proposals contained in it accurately represent the agreement reached during my discussions with you, and that this Note and my reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on this matter, and shall enter into force on today's date.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

AHMAD BIN ALI AL-THANI
Ruler of Qatar

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