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## Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
concerning Deep Seabed Mining Areas

Moscow, 14 August 1987

together with an Agreement

between the Governments of Canada, the Kingdom of Belgium,  
the Republic of Italy, the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

on the Resolution of Practical Problems with  
Respect to Deep Seabed Mining Areas  
signed at New York on 14 August 1987

and related Exchanges of Notes

[The Exchanges of Notes and the Agreement entered into force on 14 August 1987 except that, as concerns the Netherlands, the Agreement and the related Exchanges of Notes (p.17) have not yet entered into force]

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
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**PART I**  
**EXCHANGE OF NOTES**  
**BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT**  
**BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF**  
**THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CONCERNING DEEP**  
**SEABED MINING AREAS, DATED 14 AUGUST 1987<sup>1</sup>**

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Embassy at Moscow to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics*

Note No 145

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and have the honour to refer to the understanding reached among representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Federal Republic of Germany, the USSR and the United States of America in New York on 3 September 1986.

In this connection the Embassy have the honour to state, on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom, that, on the understanding that the Soviet side shall be bound by the provisions of the Agreement on the Resolution of Practical Problems with Respect to Deep Seabed Mining Areas signed at New York on 14 August 1987 by representatives of Belgium, Canada, Italy, the Netherlands and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom side also shall be bound by the provisions of that Agreement in the same manner as other parties to that Agreement are bound by its provisions to the Soviet party.

Nothing in the above referenced Agreement, this Note, or in the Note of the Ministry in reply, nor acts or activities taking place pursuant thereto, shall prejudice the position of either side with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Law of The Sea of 1982.

If it is acceptable to the Soviet side, this Note and the Note in reply from the Ministry shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force upon the date of the Note in reply from the Ministry, and which shall remain in force for the duration of the Agreement on the Resolution of Practical Problems with Respect to Deep Seabed Mining Areas or until otherwise agreed by the two sides, whichever is the later.

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics the assurances of their highest consideration.

**BRITISH EMBASSY**  
**MOSCOW**

*14 August 1987*

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<sup>1</sup> Similar Exchanges took place at Moscow on 14 August 1987 between the Embassies of the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany and the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to  
Her Majesty's Embassy at Moscow*

No 228/2 eo

Министерство Иностранных Дел Союза Советских Социалистических Республик свидетельствует свое уважение Посольству Великобритании в Москве и подтверждает получение ноты Посольства No 145 от 14 августа 1987 года следующего содержания:

«Посольство Ее Британского Величества свидетельствует свое уважение Министерству Иностранных Дел Союза Советских Социалистических Республик и имеет честь сослаться на договоренность, достигнутую между представителями Соединенного Королевства Великобритании и Северной Ирландии, Федеративной Республики Германии, СССР и Соединенных Штатов Америки в Нью-Йорке 3 сентября 1986 года.

В этой связи Посольство имеет честь заявить от имени Правительства Соединенного Королевства, что при том понимании, что советская сторона будет соблюдать положения Соглашения о решении практических проблем, связанных с глубоководными добычными районами морского дна, подписанного в Нью-Йорке 14 августа 1987 года представителями Бельгии, Канады, Италии, Нидерландов и Союза Советских Социалистических Республик, сторона Соединенного Королевства также будет соблюдать положения этого Соглашения таким же образом, как другие Стороны этого Соглашения будут соблюдать его положения по отношению к Советской Стороне.

Ничто в вышеупомянутом Соглашении, настоящей ноте или в ответной ноте Министерства, а также в действиях или деятельности, предпринимаемых в соответствии с ними, не наносит ущерба позиции каждой из сторон в отношении Конвенции Организации Объединенных Наций по морскому праву 1982 года.

В случае согласия с этим советской стороны настоящая нота и ответная нота Министерства будут рассматриваться как соглашение между двумя Правительствами, которое вступает в силу с даты ответной ноты Министерства и которое будет оставаться в силе на период действия Соглашения о решении практических проблем, связанных с глубоководными добычными районами морского дна, или до тех пор, пока обе стороны не договорятся об ином, в зависимости от того, что произойдет позже.

Посольство Ее Британского Величества пользуется этим случаем, чтобы возобновить Министерству уверения в своем весьма высоком уважении.

Москва, 14 августа 1987 года».

От имени Правительства Союза Советских Социалистических Республик Министерство имеет честь сообщить Посольству, что советская сторона готова рассматривать вышеуказанную ноту Посольства и данный ответ как соглашение между двумя Правительствами, которое вступает в силу с даты настоящей ноты Министерства и которое будет оставаться в силе на период действия Соглашения о решении практических проблем, связанных с глубоководными добычными районами морского дна, или до тех пор, пока обе стороны не договорятся об ином, в зависимости от того, что произойдет позже.

Министерство пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить Посольству уверения в своем высоком уважении.

Москва, «14» августа 1987 года.

[Translation of No. 2]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics presents its compliments to Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy in Moscow and confirms the receipt of the following Embassy Note No. 145 of August 14, 1987:

[As in No. 1]

On behalf of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics the Ministry has the honour to inform the Embassy that the Soviet side is prepared to consider the above mentioned Note of the Embassy and the present reply as an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force upon the date of this Ministry's Note in reply, and which shall remain in force for the duration of that Agreement or until otherwise agreed by the two sides, whichever is the later.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy in Moscow the assurances of their highest consideration.

Moscow

*14 August 1987*

**PART II**

**AGREEMENT**

**ON THE RESOLUTION OF PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO  
DEEP SEABED MINING AREAS**

The Government of Canada, the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Government of the Republic of Italy, the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties":

Desirous of removing impediments to the universal adherence to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982;

Intending to resolve practical problems over deep seabed mining areas to which this Agreement relates; and

Having held discussions for this purpose between December 1986 and August 1987;

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

(1) The Parties have agreed on lines the co-ordinates of which are shown in Annexes II, III and IV to this Agreement for the purpose of resolving practical problems with respect to deep seabed mining areas, the co-ordinates of which were exchanged by the Parties in Moscow on December 6, 1986, and are shown in Annex I.

(2) In this Agreement, "deep seabed mining areas" means areas of the deep seabed intended for the conduct of exploration and exploitation of hard mineral resources.

**ARTICLE 2**

Each Party shall respect the agreed resolution of practical problems as shown in Annexes II, III and IV to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 3**

The Parties shall not act, themselves or in association with third parties, in a manner that could prevent registration of an application which is submitted by a Party to the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, hereinafter referred to as "the Preparatory Commission", for an area referred to in the Annexes to this Agreement, and which is consistent with respect for the areas specified in the Annexes to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 4**

(1) The Parties shall not act, themselves or in association with third parties, in a manner which could lead to the creation of additional practical problems with respect to the deep seabed mining areas referred to in the Annexes to this Agreement.

(2) Accordingly, the Parties shall not engage in or support deep seabed mining in, or seek or support registration in the Preparatory Commission of, a deep seabed mining area in a manner incompatible with respect for the areas specified in the Annexes to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 5**

The Parties shall take all measures in conformity with international law and existing legislation to ensure that there is no physical interference with the activities of each other related to exploration and exploitation of hard mineral resources in the deep seabed mining areas referred to in the Annexes to this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 6

When necessary, the Parties will consult on the questions connected with the implementation of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 7

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force until otherwise agreed by the Parties. The Annexes to this Agreement are an integral part thereof.

(2) Any Party may declare, upon signature, that this Agreement shall enter into force for that Party only after notification to all other Parties that all legal requirements have been met. The Agreement shall enter into force for that Party upon receipt of such notification by all other Parties.

Done at New York this 14th day of August 1987 in five originals, each in the English, French, Dutch, Italian and Russian languages, all texts being equally authentic.

[Here follow the signatures on behalf of the Governments of:

Canada  
the Kingdom of Belgium  
the Republic of Italy  
the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics]

## DECLARATIONS

### BELGIUM

On signing the Agreement the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium made the following declaration<sup>1</sup>:

#### *Declaration under article 7 (2)*

"I have the honour to state the following on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium:

1. As far as the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium is concerned, the Agreement on the Resolution of Practical Problems with respect to Deep Seabed Mining Areas, signed in New York on August 14, 1987 will be in force as of the date of signature.
2. The said Agreement will come fully into effect for physical and juridical persons acting under Belgian law as soon as notification will have been received by all other Parties that the relevant national legislation has been passed.
3. The Government of the Kingdom of Belgium will take steps to introduce such legislation immediately after the signing of the said Agreement, with a view to allow its early adoption by Parliament, if possible within several months after the date of introduction of such legislation."

### NETHERLANDS

On signing the Agreement the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands made the following declaration:

"On the occasion of the signing today of the Agreement on the Resolution of Practical Problems with Respect to Deep Seabed Mining Areas, and with reference to Article 7, paragraph 2, of the said Agreement, I have the honour to declare on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that the above-mentioned Agreement shall enter into force for the Kingdom of the Netherlands only after a notification of the Netherlands Government to all other Parties to the said Agreement that all legal requirements in the Kingdom of the Netherlands have been met."

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<sup>1</sup> This declaration was also made in French.

## ANNEX I

### THE CO-ORDINATES OF THE DEEP SEABED MINING AREAS EXCHANGED BY THE PARTIES IN MOSCOW ON DECEMBER 6, 1986.

A. [This Part of this Annex is regarded as confidential by the Parties and is therefore not printed]

B. The co-ordinates communicated by the other Parties<sup>1</sup> are as follows:

#### AREA A

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
1	15°20'	128°35'
2	15°20'	127°50'
3	15°15'	127°50'
4	15°15'	127°46'
5	15°44'	127°46'
6	15°44'	125°20'
7	16°14'	125°20'
8	16°14'	124°20'
9	16°04'	124°20'
10	16°04'	123°25'
11	15°44'	123°25'
12	15°44'	122°20'
13	14°10'	122°20'
14	14°10'	122°45'
15	13°21'	122°45'
16	13°21'	123°00'
17	12°56'	123°00'
18	12°56'	123°35'
19	14°05'	123°35'
20	14°05'	125°00'
21	13°45'	125°00'
22	13°45'	126°15'
23	14°20'	126°15'
24	14°20'	128°00'
25	12°00'	128°00'
26	12°00'	127°43'
27	11°40'	127°43'
28	11°40'	128°35'
1	15°20'	128°35'

#### AREA-B—FIRST SITE

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
1	15°25'	134°00'
2	14°00'	134°00'
3	14°00'	133°50'
4	11°30'	133°50'
5	11°30'	136°00'
6	10°50'	136°00'
7	10°50'	137°50'
8	12°30'	137°50'
9	12°30'	136°00'
10	15°25'	136°00'
1	15°25'	134°00'

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<sup>1</sup> Parties other than the Soviet Union.

**AREA B—SECOND SITE**

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
<i>First Segment:</i>		
1	14°15'	139°30'
2	14°15'	136°00'
3	12°30'	136°00'
4	12°30'	137°50'
5	10°50'	137°50'
6	10°50'	139°30'
1	14°15'	139°30'
<i>Second Segment:</i>		
1	13°26'	119°25'
2	13°26'	118°00'
3	12°00'	118°00'
4	12°00'	116°04'
5	09°45'	116°04'
6	09°45'	119°25'
1	13°26'	119°25'

**AREA C**

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
<i>First Segment:</i>		
1	13°40'	128°35'
2	11°40'	128°35'
3	11°40'	131°15'
4	11°30'	131°15'
5	11°30'	132°00'
6	11°40'	132°20'
7	11°40'	133°50'
8	12°50'	133°50'
9	12°50'	132°15'
10	13°20'	132°15'
11	13°20'	130°00'
12	13°40'	130°00'
1	13°40'	128°35'
<i>Second Segment:</i>		
1	11°50'	145°00'
2	11°50'	143°15'
3	10°45'	143°15'
4	10°45'	142°15'
5	09°45'	142°15'
6	09°45'	142°45'
7	09°15'	142°45'
8	09°15'	143°45'
9	10°00'	143°45'
10	10°00'	144°00'
11	09°45'	144°00'
12	09°45'	144°45'
13	09°30'	144°45'
14	09°30'	145°00'
1	11°50'	145°00'

**AREA D—FIRST SITE**

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
1	14°20'	128°00'
2	14°20'	126°15'
3	13°45'	126°15'
4	13°45'	125°20'
5	12°15'	125°20'
6	12°15'	127°00'
7	11°40'	127°00'
8	11°40'	127°43'
9	12°00'	127°43'
10	12°00'	128°00'
1	14°20'	128°00'

**AREA D—SECOND SITE**

<i>Turning Point</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
1	11°00'	116°04'
2	12°00'	116°04'
3	12°00'	118°00'
4	13°26'	118°00'
5	13°26'	118°40'
6	13°30'	118°40'
7	13°30'	119°15'
8	13°45'	119°15'
9	13°45'	119°30'
10	14°30'	119°30'
11	14°30'	118°15'
12	14°45'	118°15'
13	14°45'	117°15'
14	14°58'	117°15'
15	14°58'	116°00'
16	14°00'	116°00'
17	14°00'	115°00'
18	13°00'	115°00'
19	13°00'	115°20'
20	11°00'	115°20'
1	11°00'	116°04'

## ANNEX II

- A. The co-ordinates of the deep seabed mining area which shall be included by the Soviet Party in its revised application and shall be relinquished by it are as follows:

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
1	14°45'	128°12.5'
2	14°37.5'	128°12.5'
3	14°37.5'	128°09.13'
4	14°15'	128°09.13'
5	14°15'	128°05'
6	14°00'	128°05'
7	14°00'	128°10'
8	13°55'	128°10'
9	13°55'	128°15'
10	13°34.56'	128°15'
11	13°34.56'	128°35'
12	13°00'	128°35'
13	13°00'	128°02'
14	14°45'	128°02'
1	14°45'	128°12.5'

- B. The co-ordinates of the deep seabed mining area which shall be included by the Soviet Party in its revised application and shall not be relinquished by it are as follows:

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
1	14°45'	128°12.5'
2	14°37.5'	128°12.5'
3	14°37.5'	128°09.13'
4	14°15'	128°09.13'
5	14°15'	128°05'
6	14°00'	128°05'
7	14°00'	128°10'
8	13°55'	128°10'
9	13°55'	128°15'
10	13°34.56'	128°15'
11	13°34.56'	128°35'
12	14°45'	128°35'
1	14°45'	128°12.5'

### ANNEX III

A. The co-ordinates of the deep seabed mining areas which either shall be included by the Soviet Party in its revised application and shall be relinquished by it, or which shall not be included by the Soviet Party in its revised application, are as follows:

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
1	13°02'	138°22.412'
2	13°02'	137°30'
3	13°48'	137°30'
4	13°48'	136°49'
5	13°11'	136°49'
6	13°11'	136°10'
7	14°03'	136°10'
8	14°03'	134°31'
9	14°21'	134°31'
10	14°21'	134°00'
11	14°00'	134°00'
12	14°00'	133°50'
13	13°30'	133°50'
14	13°30'	134°45'
15	11°30'	134°45'
16	11°30'	137°08'
17	10°50'	137°08'
18	10°50'	137°59'
19	11°00'	137°59'
20	11°00'	138°22.412'
1	13°02'	138°22.412'

B. The co-ordinates of the deep seabed mining areas which shall be included by the Soviet Party in its revised application and shall not be relinquished by it are as follows:

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
(a) 1	12°58'	134°04'
2	12°58'	133°50'
3	11°30'	133°50'
4	11°30'	134°04'
1	12°58'	134°04'
(b) 1	13°30'	134°45'
2	13°30'	133°50'
3	12°58'	133°50'
4	12°58'	134°04'
5	11°30'	134°04'
6	11°30'	134°45'
1	13°30'	134°45'
(c) 1	14°15'	139°30'
2	14°15'	138°22.412'
3	13°02'	138°22.412'
4	13°02'	139°00'
5	12°00'	139°00'
6	12°00'	138°33'
7	11°00'	138°33'
8	11°00'	138°22.412'
9	10°50'	138°22.412'
10	10°50'	139°30'
1	14°15'	139°30'
(d) 1	13°02'	139°00'
2	13°02'	138°22.412'
3	11°00'	138°22.412'
4	11°00'	138°33'
5	12°00'	138°33'
6	12°00'	139°00'
1	13°02'	139°00'

*Note:* From the areas indicated in paragraph B of this Annex the area with the following co-ordinates is mentioned in paragraph A of Annex IV because it will be included by the Soviet Party in its revised application and shall be relinquished by it:

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
1	13°00'	134°00'
2	12°50'	134°00'
3	12°50'	133°50'
4	12°11.6'	133°50'
5	12°11.6'	134°04'
6	12°30'	134°04'
7	12°30'	134°15'
8	13°00'	134°15'
1	13°00'	134°00'

## ANNEX IV

A. The co-ordinates of the deep seabed mining areas which shall be included by the Soviet Party in its revised application and shall be relinquished by it are as follows:

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
(a) 1	13°20.2'	130°00'
2	13°20.2'	128°35'
3	13°00'	128°35'
4	13°00'	129°29'
5	12°00'	129°29'
6	12°00'	130°39'
7	13°20'	130°39'
8	13°20'	130°00'
1	13°20.2'	130°00'
(b) 1	13°29'	131°00'
2	13°20'	131°00'
3	13°20'	132°15'
4	13°29'	132°15'
1	13°29'	131°00'
(c) 1	13°20'	131°43'
2	12°32'	131°43'
3	12°32'	132°15'
4	13°20'	132°15'
1	13°20'	131°43'
(d) 1	12°50'	133°30.6'
2	12°32'	133°30.6'
3	12°32'	133°32'
4	12°50'	133°32'
1	12°50'	133°30.6'
(e) 1	13°00'	134°00'
2	12°50'	134°00'
3	12°50'	133°50'
4	12°11.6'	133°50'
5	12°11.6'	134°04'
6	12°30'	134°04'
7	12°30'	134°15'
8	13°00'	134°15'
1	13°00'	134°00'

B. The co-ordinates of the deep seabed mining areas which shall be included by the Soviet Party in its revised application and shall not be relinquished by it are as follows:

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
(a) 1	13°40'	128°35'
2	13°20.2'	128°35'
3	13°20.2'	130°00'
4	13°40'	130°00'
1	13°40'	128°35'
(b) 1	12°50'	132°15'
2	12°31.1'	132°15'
3	12°31.1'	133°30.6'
4	12°50'	133°30.6'
1	12°50'	132°15'
(c) 1	11°50'	143°37.9'
2	11°00'	143°37.9'
3	11°00'	145°00'
4	11°50'	145°00'
1	11°50'	143°37.9'

C. The co-ordinates of the deep seabed mining areas which were additionally communicated by the other Parties in New York in August 1987 and which shall not be included by the Soviet Party in its revised application are as follows:

<i>Turning Points</i>	<i>Latitude (N)</i>	<i>Longitude (W)</i>
1	11°30'	131°30'
2	11°00'	131°30'
3	11°00'	132°30'
4	10°30'	132°30'
5	10°30'	133°30'
6	11°00'	133°30'
7	11°00'	133°40'
8	11°40'	133°40'
9	11°40'	132°20'
10	11°30'	132°00'
1	11°30'	131°30'

### PART III

#### EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY CONCERNING TERMINATION OF THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND AGREEMENT DATED 14 AUGUST 1987, AND SIMILAR EXCHANGES OF NOTES WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM AND THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS<sup>1</sup>

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Embassy at Rome to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy*

NOTE VERBALE NO. 232

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy and have the honour to refer to the Agreement of the Resolution of Practical Problems with Respect to Deep Seabed Mining Areas concluded at New York on 14 August, 1987, between the Governments of the Kingdom of Belgium, Canada, the Republic of Italy, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Exchange of Notes relating to that Agreement dated 14 August, 1987, between the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In this connection the Embassy have the honour to propose that the Government of the Republic of Italy shall not take steps to terminate that Agreement and the Government of the United Kingdom shall not take steps to terminate the agreement concluded by that Exchange of Notes, except by common accord of the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Italy.

If it is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Italy this Note and the Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Note in reply from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy the expression of their highest consideration.

BRITISH EMBASSY, ROME

*14 August 1987*

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<sup>1</sup> Similar Notes were exchanged on 14 August 1987 between the British High Commission at Ottawa and the Department of External Affairs of Canada and also between HM Embassies at Brussels and The Hague and the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Belgium and the Netherlands respectively.

These Exchanges were the same in content except that the last paragraph of the Note of HM Embassy at The Hague was as follows:

"If it is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, this Note and the Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date on which the Government of the United Kingdom will receive from the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands a notification of the completion of the constitutional requirements in the Kingdom of the Netherlands." and the Note from the Ministry in reply was in similar terms.

Similar Notes were exchanged between the Governments of the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany and the Governments of Canada, the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Italy and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

No. 2

*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy to Her Majesty's Embassy at Rome*

No. 055 bis/86

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy presents its compliments to Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy and acknowledges receipt of the Note dated 14 August, 1987, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy is in agreement with what is stated in the Note reproduced above and confirms that such Note and the present Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of Italy and the Government of the United Kingdom which shall enter into force on the date of the present Note.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy the expression of its highest consideration.

ROME

*14 August 1987*



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