



Treaty Series No. 65 (1990)

Agreement

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
for the free exchange of Microfilms of Archives,
Books, Manuscripts, Paintings of Historical
Import, Transparencies of
Prints and Drawings

London, 4 July 1990

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BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN
FOR THE FREE EXCHANGE OF MICROFILMS OF ARCHIVES, BOOKS,
MANUSCRIPTS, PAINTINGS OF HISTORICAL IMPORT, TRANSPARENCIES
OF PRINTS AND DRAWINGS**

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan,

Considering that informal letters concerning the free exchange of records, maps, private collections, official publications and newspapers between the National Documentation Centre of the Cabinet Division of the Government of Pakistan and the India Office Library and Records Department of the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office were exchanged on 22/24 October 1975;

Desiring to have the free exchange of archives, books which are out of print in either country, manuscripts, paintings, transparencies of prints and drawings;

Desiring to implement this Agreement through the National Archives (Pakistan) and the British Library (India Office Library and Records) in London (hereinafter referred to as "the institutions");

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

(1) The British Library (India Office Library and Records) shall supply to the National Archives (Pakistan), free of charge, microfilms of archives, printed books, manuscripts, paintings and transparencies of prints and drawings in its custody, as required by the National Archives (Pakistan) subject to the provisions of the copyright laws of the United Kingdom. The National Archives (Pakistan) shall similarly supply to the British Library (India Office Library and Records), free of charge, microfilms of archives, printed books, manuscripts and transparencies of prints and drawings in its custody and, wherever possible, similar items held in other libraries and archives in Pakistan, subject to the provisions of the copyright laws of Pakistan.

(2) Each institution shall, at the request of the other, provide positive copies of negative microfilms of archives, printed books and manuscripts, where it already has these available.

(3) Neither institution shall insist on exactly reciprocal quantities in the exchange of microfilms, but each institution shall maintain a record of films in order to ensure some measure of comparability.

ARTICLE II

With a view to enabling the National Archives (Pakistan) to identify the materials required, the British Library (India Office Library and Records) shall prepare, at its own expense, full size photocopies of out-of-print or unpublished lists and catalogues (in book form) of archives, printed books, manuscripts, prints and drawings held by it and send them to the National Archives (Pakistan), together with originals or photocopies of those Guides, Handbooks, Press Lists, Catalogues, Lists and Indices published by the British Library (India Office Library and Records) which are not already in the National Archives (Pakistan) or the National Library of Pakistan. The National Archives (Pakistan), at its own expense, shall similarly supply to the British Library (India Office Library and Records) microfilms or photocopies of Press Lists, Catalogues and Indices of such of the archives, printed books and manuscripts held in the National Archives (Pakistan) as are not already available in the British Library (India Office Library and Records) and, wherever possible, similar items held in other libraries and archives in Pakistan.

ARTICLE III

Upon receipt of the reference materials mentioned in Article II above, either institution may request any materials from the other.

ARTICLE IV

The exchange of materials shall be carried out in instalments, but, with a view to expediting the supply of materials required by the other institution, each institution shall endeavour to provide necessary equipment, funds and staff.

ARTICLE V

The Director, British Library (India Office Library and Records), London, and the Director General, National Archives, Government of Pakistan, shall be responsible for the implementation of these arrangements and shall determine priorities and place requisitions by direct contact or correspondence. They or their representatives may visit Pakistan and London respectively as necessary for consultation and intensive studies.

ARTICLE VI

While implementing these arrangements, the institutions shall endeavour to interpret the provisions of this Agreement as liberally as possible.

ARTICLE VII

The provisions of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the position of either Government on the question of the ownership of the assets of the British Library (India Office Library and Records).

ARTICLE VIII

This Agreement shall enter into force on signature, and shall remain in force for a period of ten years. Thereafter it may be reviewed or extended in a manner to be agreed between the Governments. If, after the said period of ten years, either Government requests a review of the operation of this Agreement, and agreement on any modifications to this Agreement cannot be reached within six months of that request, then either Government may give six months' notice of termination of this Agreement by means of notification through the diplomatic channel.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at London this 4th day of July 1990.

For the Government of the United
Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland:

For the Government of the Islamic
Republic of Pakistan:

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SHAHARYAR M. KHAN