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# Exchange of Notes amending the Headquarters Agreement

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the International Whaling Commission

London, 10 July and 19 August 1997

[The Exchange of Notes entered into force on 1 August 1999]

*Presented to Parliament  
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
by Command of Her Majesty  
March 2000*



**EXCHANGE OF NOTES AMENDING THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT  
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING  
COMMISSION**

No. 1

*The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to the Secretary of the  
International Whaling Commission*

*Foreign and Commonwealth Office,  
London*

*10 July 1997*

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Whaling Commission regarding the Headquarters of the Organization, signed at London on 21 August 1975<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement").

2. I now have the honour to propose that a new Article be inserted in the Agreement after Article 6(2) as follows:

"(3) The Commission shall be accorded a refund of Insurance Premium Tax and Air Passenger Duty paid by the Commission in the exercise of its official activities."

3. If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the International Whaling Commission, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with your reply in that sense, shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom<sup>2</sup> and Northern Ireland and the International Whaling Commission which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to the amendment comes into force.

**R S GORHAM**  
(for the Secretary of State)

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<sup>1</sup>Treaty Series No. 108 (1975) Cmnd 6278.

<sup>2</sup>The words "of Great Britain" were omitted from the original United Kingdom note in error.

No. 2

*The Secretary of the International Whaling Commission to the Secretary of State for Foreign  
and Commonwealth Affairs*

*London*

*19 August 1997*

I have the honour to refer to your note of 10 July which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the International Whaling Commission, who therefore agree that the Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the Commission and your Government which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to the amendments comes into force.

I have the honour to convey to you Sir the assurance of my highest consideration.

RAY GAMBELL

