

GREECE



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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 Kingdom of Greece

regarding Safeguards applicable to an  
Atomic Facility on Transfer to Greece by  
the United Kingdom Atomic Energy  
Authority

Athens, 5 and 15 April 1968

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
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OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GREECE REGARDING  
SAFEGUARDS APPLICABLE TO AN ATOMIC FACILITY  
ON TRANSFER TO GREECE BY THE UNITED KINGDOM  
ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY**

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Athens to the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Greece*

*British Embassy,  
Athens,*

*5 April, 1968.*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to discussions which have taken place between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on its own behalf and on behalf of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") and the Government of the Kingdom of Greece, concerning the proposed transfer from the Authority to the National Technical University of Athens of an Atomic facility (hereinafter referred to as the Facility) consisting of a subcritical assembly of graphite, uranium and uranium oxide, with associated instrumentation, the graphite and associated instrumentation to be presented as a gift, and the uranium and uranium oxide to be on free loan for six years. As a basis for this transaction I have the honour to propose an agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Greece in the following terms:

1. The Government of Greece undertake to ensure that the Facility shall not, on transfer to Greece for the National Technical University of Athens:
  - (a) be used in such a way as to further any military purpose;
  - (b) be transferred to other bodies or persons in Greece, without the authority of the Government of Greece, or
  - (c) be transferred beyond the jurisdiction of the Government of Greece without the prior consent in writing of the Government of the United Kingdom;

and that the uranium and uranium oxide supplied as part of the Facility shall not be used for any purpose other than the operation of the Facility, without the prior consent in writing of the Government of the United Kingdom.

2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 below, the Government of the United Kingdom shall have the right to administer safeguards, in a manner consistent with the procedures set forth in the International Atomic Energy Agency's safeguards system in order to satisfy themselves that the Facility is used solely for peaceful purposes. The Government of Greece undertake to assist the Government of the United Kingdom in the application of these safeguards.
3. The two Governments may, however, enter into negotiations with the International Atomic Energy Agency at a time to be agreed for the transfer to the Agency of the administration of these safeguards.
4. Pending the implementation of internationally agreed measures for the provision of compensation and financial protection against damage caused by the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the Government of Greece shall indemnify and hold harmless the Government of the United Kingdom and the Authority against any and all liability (including third party liability) from any cause whatsoever arising out of the ownership, the lease, the possession or the use of the Facility, or parts thereof, supplied pursuant to this Agreement after the Facility has been taken in charge by the Government of Greece, the National Technical University of Athens, or any other bodies or persons duly authorised by that Government. The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Greece may consult with each other to determine whether and in what respects this undertaking should be amended when internationally agreed measures are implemented with the participation of the two Governments.

If the above proposal is acceptable to the Government of Greece I have the honour to suggest that this Note, together with Your Excellency's reply to that effect, shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments on the above terms, which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

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

MICHAEL STEWART.

No. 2

*The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece to Her Majesty's Ambassador  
at Athens*

*Ministère Royal des Affaires Étrangères,  
Athens,*

*April 15, 1968.*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note, dated April 5, 1968, concerning the proposed transfer from the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to the National Technical University of Athens of an Atomic facility, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have pleasure in confirming that the proposed conditions for the granting of the above mentioned Atomic Facility to the National Technical University of Athens are acceptable to the Greek Government.

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

G. CHRISTOPOULOS.

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