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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

on the Reciprocal Recognition of Driving Licences

Athens, 25 February/2 March 1970

[The Agreement entered into force on 1 May 1970]

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
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BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GREECE ON THE
RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF DRIVING LICENCES**

No. 1

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

(21/15)

*British Embassy,
Athens.*

25 February, 1970.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to propose that, in order to facilitate road travel for holders of British driving licences in the Kingdom of Greece and for holders of Greek driving licences in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Greece conclude an Agreement in the following terms:

- (1) (a) Valid driving licences issued in accordance with national laws and regulations by the competent authorities of one Party to this Agreement to persons who are resident outside the territory of the other Party shall be recognised as valid within the territory of that other Party for a period of one year from the date of the holder's last entry into that territory.
- (b) The holder of a valid driving licence issued in the territory of one Party, who is temporarily in the territory of the other Party, shall be permitted to drive in that latter territory, during the period the driving licence is recognised as valid in the latter territory in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph, any motor vehicle of the class for which the driving licence has been issued, without carrying an official translation of the licence into the language of the other Party or any other document having the same force and value.
- (2) Nothing in this Agreement shall confer any exemption from national laws and regulations concerning the minimum age for drivers in respect of the various classes of vehicle or concerning drivers who are disqualified from driving.
- (3) Specimens of the driving licences issued by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Greek driving licences for the different classes of motor vehicles established by the relevant Greek regulations are attached to this letter as Annexes 1 to 9.⁽¹⁾

If the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Greece, I have the honour to propose that this letter, together with its Annexes, and your reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement

(¹) Not reproduced.

between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the 1st of May 1970 and shall continue in force until the expiry of three months' written notice of termination, which may be given any time by either Party to the other.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to 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.
2 March, 1970.*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 21/15 of the 25 February, 1970 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Greece, who therefore agree that Your Excellency's Note together with its Annexes and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the 1st of May, 1970.

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

PAN. PIPINELIS

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