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# Exchange of Notes amending the Agreement

relating to the  
Commissions established by the Convention for the Prevention  
of Marine Pollution by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft 1972  
and the Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution  
from Land-based Sources 1974

London, 10 July and 28 October 1997

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*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 AGREEMENT RELATING  
TO THE COMMISSIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE CONVENTION  
FOR THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION  
BY DUMPING FROM SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT 1972<sup>1</sup> AND THE  
CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION FROM  
LAND-BASED SOURCES 1974<sup>2</sup>**

No. 1

*The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to the Executive Secretary of  
the Oslo and Paris Commissions*

*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 Oslo and Paris Commissions, regarding the Headquarters of the Commissions signed at London on 27 July 1979<sup>3</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 5(2) as follows:

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

3. If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Oslo and Paris Commissions, 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>4</sup> and Northern Ireland and the Oslo and Paris Commissions 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. 119 (1975) Cmnd 6228.

<sup>2</sup>Treaty Series No. 64 (1978) Cmnd 7251.

<sup>3</sup>Treaty Series No. 90 (1979) Cmnd 7718.

<sup>4</sup>The words "of Great Britain" were omitted from the original United Kingdom note in error.

No. 2

*The Executive Secretary of the Oslo and Paris Commissions to the Secretary of State for  
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*

*London  
28 October 1997*

I have the honour to refer to your Note of 10 July 1997 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Oslo and Paris Commissions, who therefore agree that the Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the Commissions 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.

**B VAN DE WETERING**

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