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**AUSTRALIA**  
**and**  
**ITALY**

**Exchange of Notes concerning a gift of wool to Italy. London,  
5 and 8 July 1948**

*English official text communicated by the Minister in charge of the Australian Mission to the United Nations. The registration took place on 21 December 1948.*

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**AUSTRALIE**  
**et**  
**ITALIE**

**Echange de notes relatif à un don de laine à l'Italie. Londres,  
5 et 8 juillet 1948**

*Texte officiel anglais communiqué par le Ministre, chef de la Mission australienne auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le 21 décembre 1948.*

No. 326. EXCHANGE OF NOTES<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA AND OF ITALY CONCERNING A GIFT OF WOOL TO ITALY. LONDON, 5 AND 8 JULY 1948

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ITALIAN EMBASSY

5th July, 1948

Dear Mr. High Commissioner,

On instructions received from my Government I have the honour to inform that the Italian Government is hereby entering in an agreement with the Australian Government in the following terms:

1. The Government of Australia will supply without charge to the Government of Italy Australian wool to the value of £250,000 (Australian), the descriptions and qualities thereof to be agreed upon by the Governments of Australia and Italy and also in relation thereto to pay the costs of procurement, storage, transportation and shipping to the port of entry into Italy.

2. The Government of Italy will nominate as its Agent an Australian wool buying broker, such nomination to be subject to the approval of the Government of Australia. Such broker will be authorised to arrange in consultation with and with the approval of the Government of Australia for the procurement, storage, transportation and shipment of such wool.

3. The Government of Italy, through its agent authorised as above, will, from time to time, submit in advance to the Government of Australia a statement of the descriptions and qualities of wool required which will be subject to screening and approval by the Government of Australia. Procurement will be authorised for the quantities, types and qualities of wool so approved.

4. The Government of Australia will retain ownership of such wool up to the time of its arrival in the port of entry into Italy.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 8 July 1948, by the exchange of the said notes.

5. The raw wool provided by the Government of Australia and articles processed therefrom, will be distributed without any discrimination based on race, language, sex or religious or political beliefs.

6. Such wool will not be used for the maintenance of armed forces or any other military or similar purpose.

7. The Government of Italy will take appropriate steps to make known to the people of Italy the origin of the wool and the purposes for which it is being provided by the Government of Australia.

Yours sincerely,

T. GALLARATI SCOTTI

The Rt. Hon. J. A. Beasley  
High Commissioner for Australia  
Australia House, Strand, W.C.2

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### COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Australia House  
Strand, London

8th July, 1948

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I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th July, 1948, which sets out the terms of the Agreement entered into by your Government with the Government of Australia in relation to the gift of wool by Australia to Italy as follows:—

[See note I]

Please accept, Your Excellency, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

J. A. BEASLEY

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