

No. 395

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
CANADA**

**Exchange of Notes constituting an agreement amending the
provisional agreement of 19 December 1942 relating to
fur seals. Washington, 26 December 1947**

*English official text communicated by the Permanent Representative of the
United States of America at the seat of the United Nations. The registra-
tion took place on 1 April 1949.*

**ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE
et
CANADA**

**Echange de notes constituant un accord modifiant l'accord
provisoire du 19 décembre 1942 concernant les phoques
à fourrure. Washington, 26 décembre 1947**

*Texte officiel anglais communiqué par le représentant permanent des Etats-Unis
d'Amérique au siège de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement
a eu lieu le 1er avril 1949.*

No. 395. EXCHANGE OF NOTES¹ CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT AMENDING THE PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT OF 19 DECEMBER 1942 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA RELATING TO FUR SEALS. WASHINGTON, 26 DECEMBER 1947

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The Secretary of State to the Canadian Ambassador

Washington, D.C.
December 26, 1947

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to conversations which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and representatives of the Government of Canada with regard to the possibility of amending the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement between the United States and Canada effected by exchange of notes signed at Washington, December 8 and 19, 1942,² with a view to assuring continuing protection of the fur seal herd.

I am glad to inform you that legislation has recently been enacted by the Congress of the United States of America which provides for the extension for an indefinite period of existing laws for the enforcement of the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement. This Government will, therefore, continue to be in position to give full force and effect to the provisions of that Agreement.

Accordingly, the Government of the United States of America proposes that the final sentence of Article X of the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement which relates to the duration of the Agreement, shall be amended to read as follows:

“The Agreement shall remain in effect until (a) either the Government of the United States of America or the Government of Canada enacts legislation contrary to its provisions; or (b) the date of entry into force of a new agreement for the preservation and protection of fur seals to which the United States of America and Canada, and possibly other interested countries, shall be parties; or (c) twelve months after either Government

¹ Came into force on 26 December 1947, by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 26, page 363.

shall have notified the other Government of an intention of terminating the Agreement.”

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of Canada, the Government of the United States of America will regard this note and your reply thereto as constituting an agreement between the two Governments amending the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement, with effect from the date of your note in reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

Willard L. THORP

His Excellency Hume Wrong
Ambassador of Canada

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The Canadian Ambassador to the Secretary of the State

CANADIAN EMBASSY
AMBASSADE DU CANADA

Washington, D. C.

No. 485

December 26, 1947

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of December 26th, 1947, proposing that the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement effected by exchange of notes signed at Washington December 8th and 19th, 1942, be amended with a view to assuring continuing protection of the fur seal herd.

I have been requested to inform you that the Canadian Government accepts the proposal of the Government of the United States of America contained in your note which, together with this reply, it considers as constituting an agreement between the two Governments amending the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement, with effect from the date of this note.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

H. H. WRONG

The Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.