

No. 1586

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
AUSTRIA**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement providing for the continued application of the Convention of 31st March 1931 regarding legal proceedings in civil and commercial matters. Vienna, 28 June 1951

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
AUTRICHE**

Échange de notes constituant un accord pour le maintien en vigueur de la Convention du 31 mars 1931 relative aux actes de procédure en matière civile et commerciale. Vienne, 28 juin 1951

Textes officiels anglais et allemand.

Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 11 décembre 1951.

No. 1586. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION OF 31st MARCH 1931² REGARDING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS. VIENNA, 28 JUNE 1951

I

His Majesty's Minister at Vienna to the Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs

BRITISH LEGATION

Vienna, 28th June, 1951

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to address your Excellency on the subject of the Convention between His Majesty, in respect of the United Kingdom, and the Federal President of the Republic of Austria, regarding Legal Proceedings in Civil and Commercial Matters, signed at London on 31st March, 1931², the respective Instruments of Ratification of which were exchanged at Vienna on 12th January, 1932.

Under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I have the honour to propose to your Excellency that effect shall be given to the Convention as from the date of this Exchange of Notes, and that the Convention shall continue in force in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.

I have the honour further to propose that as from the date of this Exchange of Notes the Convention shall also apply to Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man and to the territories named in the Annex to this Note.

If the Austrian Government are prepared to accept the above proposals, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and your Excellency's reply to that effect should be regarded as constituting the agreement between the two Governments which shall take effect this day, the 28th June, of 1951.

I have, &c.

Harold CACCIA

¹ Came into force on 28 June 1951 by the exchange of the said notes.

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. CXXVII, p. 167 and Vol. CXXXIV, p. 435.

ANNEX

Southern Rhodesia
Aden (Colony and Protectorate)
Bahamas
Barbados
Basutoland
Bechuanaland Protectorate
Bermuda
British Guiana
British Honduras
Brunei
Cyprus
Falkland Islands and Dependencies
Federation of Malaya
Fiji
Gambia (Colony and Protectorate)
Gibraltar
Gold Coast (including Ashanti, the Northern Territories and Togoland under United Kingdom Trusteeship)
Hong Kong
Jamaica (including Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands)
Kenya (Colony and Protectorate)
Leeward Islands
Malta
Mauritius
Nigeria (Colony, Protectorate and Cameroons under United Kingdom Trusteeship)
North Borneo
Northern Rhodesia
Nyasaland Protectorate
St. Helena and Dependencies
Sarawak
Seychelles
Sierra Leone (Colony and Protectorate)
Singapore
Somaliland Protectorate
Swaziland
Tanganyika
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Uganda Protectorate
Western Pacific Islands (British Solomon Islands Protectorate and Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony)
Windward Islands (Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Dominica)
Zanzibar Protectorate

II

The Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs to His Majesty's Minister at Vienna

[GERMAN TEXT — TEXTE ALLEMAND]

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

Wien, den 28. Juni 1951.

Vienna, 28th June, 1951

Herr Gesandter,

Mr. Minister,

Ich beehre mich den Empfang Ihrer Note vom 28. Juni 1951 zu bestätigen, welche wie folgt lautet :

I have the honour to confirm the receipt of your Note of 28th June, 1951, which reads as follows :—

[See note I]

[See note I]

Ich beehre mich, Sie davon in Kenntnis zu setzen, dass die österreichische Bundesregierung die vorstehenden Vorschläge annimmt und zustimmt, dass in Ihrer Note und dieser Antwortnote das Zustandekommen einer Übereinstimmung zwischen den beiden Regierungen zu erblicken ist, die mit dem heutigen Tage wirksam wird.

I have the honour to inform you that the Austrian Federal Government accept the above proposals and agree that your Note and the present reply should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments which shall take effect this day.

Genehmigen Sie, etc.

Accept, etc.

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ANNEX

[As in Annex to note I]

¹ Translation by the Government of the United Kingdom.

² Traduction du Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni.