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

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement regarding the  
transfer to Italy of the provisional administration of  
Somalia. Rome, 21 March 1950**

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

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif au transfert  
à l'Italie de l'administration provisoire de la Somalie.  
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No. 1722. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND ITALY REGARDING THE TRANSFER TO ITALY OF THE PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF SOMALIA. ROME, 21 MARCH 1950

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*His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome to the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs*

Rome, 21st March, 1950

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the resolution<sup>2</sup> adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21st November, 1949, in exercise of the power conferred upon it by the Peace Treaty with Italy.<sup>3</sup>

2. The resolution recommended, *inter alia*, that Italy should be invited to undertake the provisional administration of Italian Somaliland :

(i) At a time and pursuant to arrangements for the orderly transfer of administration agreed upon between Italy and the United Kingdom after the Trusteeship Council and Italy have negotiated a draft Trusteeship Agreement :

(ii) On condition that she gives an undertaking to administer the territory in accordance with the provisions of the Charter<sup>4</sup> relating to the International Trusteeship system and to the Trusteeship Agreement pending approval by the General Assembly of a Trusteeship Agreement for the territory.

3. The Trusteeship Council and Italy have negotiated a draft Trusteeship Agreement<sup>5</sup> which was approved by the Trusteeship Council on 27th January, 1950, and by a communication addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 22nd February, 1950, the Italian Government undertook that it

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 21 March 1950 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations document A/1251.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 49 and 50.

<sup>4</sup> United Kingdom : "Treaty Series No. 67 (1946)," Cmd. 7015.

<sup>5</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 118, p. 225.

would administer the territory in accordance with the provisions of the Charter relating to the International Trusteeship system and to the said Trusteeship Agreement, pending approval by the General Assembly of the Trusteeship Agreement for the territory.

4. As a result of discussions in London, agreement was reached on economic and financial matters arising out of the transfer which formed the subject of an exchange of notes between the Government of Italy and His Majesty's Government on 20th March, 1950.<sup>1</sup>

5. As a result of further discussion held at Rome and at Mogadishu between officials of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Italy, arrangements were made to enable the Government of Italy to introduce into the territory the officials and forces which would be required for the purpose of assuming the provisional administration of the territory at the appropriate time. In accordance with these discussions and under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I hereby confirm that, in pursuance of the recommendation of the General Assembly of the United Nations and for the purpose of enabling the Government of Italy to undertake the provisional administration of the territory, British authority in the territory will terminate as from such date, not earlier than 31st March, 1950, as shall be proclaimed therein for that purpose by the Chief Administrator after consultation with the incoming Italian authorities, and the Government of Italy will thereupon undertake the provisional administration of the territory.

6. I have the honour to suggest that the present note and your Excellency's reply thereto confirming the arrangements set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between our respective Governments for the transfer of the provisional administration of Italian Somaliland from His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Italy.

I avail, &c.

V. A. L. MALLET

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<sup>1</sup> See p. 201 of this volume.

## II

*The Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs to His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome*

[ITALIAN TEXT — TEXTE ITALIEN]

[TRANSLATION<sup>1</sup> — TRADUCTION<sup>2</sup>]

Roma, li 21 marzo 1950

21st March, 1950

Signor Ambasciatore,

Mr. Ambassador,

Ho l'onore di accusare ricevuta della Sua lettera N. 1511/285/50 in data 21 marzo 1950 del seguente tenore :

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1511/285/50 dated 21st March, 1950, which reads as follows :

[*See note I — Voir note I*]

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Ho l'onore di confermare a V. E. che il Governo Italiano è d'accordo su quanto precede.

I have the honour to confirm to your Excellency that the Italian Government is in agreement with the foregoing.

Mi è gradita, &c.

I avail, &c.,

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<sup>1</sup> Translation by the Government of the United Kingdom.

<sup>2</sup> Traduction du Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni.