

No. 2380

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

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning financial burdens involved in the maintenance of the British Military Mission, the British Naval Mission and the Royal Air Force Delegation in Greece. Athens, 7 September 1948

Official text: English.

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement extending the above-mentioned Agreement. Athens, 1 February and 31 March 1949

Official texts: English and French.

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement further extending the above-mentioned Agreement. Athens, 12 December 1949 and 11 May 1950

Official texts: English and French.

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No. 2380. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN GREECE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND CONCERNING FINANCIAL BURDENS INVOLVED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BRITISH MILITARY MISSION, THE BRITISH NAVAL MISSION AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE DELEGATION IN GREECE. ATHENS, 7 SEPTEMBER 1948

I

BRITISH EMBASSY
ATHENS

No. 325
(114)66)48)

7th September, 1948

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to propose that arrangements should now be made whereby the Royal Hellenic Government would relieve His Majesty's Government of a part of the financial burden involved in the maintenance of the British Military Mission, the British Naval Mission and the Royal Air Force Delegation in Greece, a burden which His Majesty's Government have hitherto borne unaided.

2. I have therefore been instructed to make the following proposals :

(a) That the sum of 7,000,000,000 drachmae for which provision has already been made in the Royal Hellenic Government's budget for 1947-48 shall be paid by the Royal Government as their final contribution towards the costs of the three British Service missions for the period 1st January 1948 to 30th June 1948.

(b) In consideration of the fact that the British missions' local costs since 28th October 1947 have been financed out of sterling remitted by His Majesty's Government to the Bank of Greece, the above-mentioned contribution shall be paid in sterling.

(c) The sterling payment mentioned above shall be effected by the deduction by His Majesty's Government of the sum in question from the sterling

¹ Came into force on 7 September 1948 by the exchange of the said notes.

sum which is due to be paid by His Majesty's Government to the Royal Government in respect of the drachmae advanced by the Bank of Greece to the British military authorities in Greece during the period 1st April 1947 to 28th October 1947.

(d) The contribution to be made by the Royal Government towards the costs of the three British missions subsequent to 30th June 1948 shall be fixed at 7,000,000,000 drachmae for the six months ending 31st December 1948. The contribution to be made by the Royal Government for the six months ending 30th June 1949 shall be fixed by the end of the calendar year 1948 in the light of the estimated expenses for that period and the ascertained expenses during the preceding six months but subject to a maximum of 7,000,000,000 drachmae.

The contribution to be made by the Royal Government in respect of any further period after 30th June 1949 during which any of the British Service missions remain in Greece shall be a matter for discussion between the two Governments.

(e) Excluding that part of the contribution which is to be paid in sterling as set out in (b) and (c) above, the contribution of the Royal Government shall be paid in the form of drachmae advances to be placed on demand to the credit of the account at the Bank of Greece of the competent British military authority.

(f) Any services, such as the use of internal telecommunications and travelling facilities, which have hitherto been provided free of charge to the British Missions by the Royal Government, shall continue to be so provided.

3. I have the honour to inquire whether the above proposals are acceptable to your Government, in which case I would suggest that this Note and Your Excellency's reply should be considered as constituting a formal agreement between our two Governments.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Monsieur le Ministre, the assurance of my highest consideration.

D. P. REILLY

His Excellency, Monsieur C. Tsaldaris
Royal Hellenic Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Athens

II

ROYAL MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 46263

Athens, 7th September, 1948

Monsieur le Chargé d'Affaires,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of to-day's date which reads as follows :

[*See note I*]

In reply I am glad to inform you that my Government agree to the proposals set out above, and to confirm that our Notes will be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Monsieur le Chargé d'Affaires, the assurance of my highest consideration.

C. TSALDARIS

D. P. Reilly, Esq.

His Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires a.i., etc., etc., etc.

Athens

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN GREECE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND EXTEND-
ING THE AGREEMENT OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1948² CON-
CERNING FINANCIAL BURDENS INVOLVED IN THE
MAINTENANCE OF THE BRITISH MILITARY MISSION,
THE BRITISH NAVAL MISSION AND THE ROYAL AIR
FORCE DELEGATION IN GREECE. ATHENS, 1 FEB-
RUARY AND 31 MARCH 1949

I

BRITISH EMBASSY
ATHENS

13)5)49

1st February 1949

Monsieur le Ministre,

In the Notes exchanged by your Excellency with my Chargé d'Affaires on 7th September last regarding the contribution to be made by the Royal Hellenic Government towards the maintenance of the British Military Mission, the British Naval Mission and the Royal Air Force Delegation in Greece, it was agreed, in paragraph 2 (*d*), that the contribution to be made by the Royal Government for the six months ending 30th June 1949 shall be fixed by the end of the calendar year 1948 in the light of the estimated expenses for that period and the ascertained expenses during the preceding six months but subject to a maximum of 7,000,000,000 drachmae.

2. I am informed that the ascertained expenses of the three missions for the half-year ended on 31st December 1948 have proved to be not less than was estimated when the figure of 7,000,000,000 drachmae was fixed as your Government's contribution for this period; also that it is estimated that the expenses for the six months ending 30th June 1949 will not be less than for the half-year just ended. In view of the higher wage rates for civilian employees introduced on the 1st November future expenses will, in fact, be higher than past expenses.

¹ Came into force on 31 March 1949 by the exchange of the said notes.

² See p. 146 of this volume.

3. I therefore have the honour to propose to Your Excellency that the contribution to be made by the Royal Hellenic Government for the six months ending 30th June 1949 shall be fixed at 7,000,000,000 drachmae.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Monsieur le Ministre, the assurance of my highest consideration.

C. J. NORTON

His Excellency Monsieur C. Tsaldaris

II

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

ROYAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 25626

Athens, 31 March 1949

Your Excellency,

In reply to your letter No. 13/5/49 of 1 February last, I have the honour to inform you that the Greek Government's contribution towards the maintenance of the British Military Mission, the British Naval Mission and the Royal Air Force Delegation in Greece for the six months ending 30 June 1949 has been fixed at 7,000,000,000 drachmae.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) TSALDARIS

His Excellency Sir Clifford Norton, K.C.M.G., C.V.O.
His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador
Athens

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN GREECE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND FURTHER
EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1948²
CONCERNING FINANCIAL BURDENS INVOLVED IN
THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BRITISH MILITARY
MISSION, THE BRITISH NAVAL MISSION AND THE
ROYAL AIR FORCE DELEGATION IN GREECE. ATHENS,
12 DECEMBER 1949 AND 11 MAY 1950

I

BRITISH EMBASSY

ATHENS

No. 311
(13)56)49

Your Excellency,

You will recall that, in the Notes exchanged by Your Excellency with my Chargé d'Affaires on the 7th September, 1948, it was agreed that the contribution to be made by the Royal Hellenic Government towards the costs of the three British Service missions in Greece should be 7,000,000,000 drachmae for each half of the year 1948.

2. It was further agreed, in my Note No. 13)5)49 of the 1st February, 1949, and Your Excellency's reply thereto of the 31st March, that the contribution for the first six months of this year should remain at the figure of 7,000,000,000 drachmae.

3. I have now been instructed by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to propose, in accordance with paragraph 2 (*d*) of the exchange of Notes under reference above, that the contribution of the Royal Hellenic Government should continue at the same level and should thus be fixed at 14,000,000,000 drachmae for the period 1st July, 1949, to 30th June, 1950.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

C. J. NORTON

His Excellency Monsieur C. Tsaldaris
12th December 1949

¹ Came into force on 11 May 1950 by the exchange of the said notes.

² See p. 146 of this volume.

II

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 32224

NOTE VERBALE

With reference to His Excellency Sir Clifford Norton's letter No. 311 of 13 December last, the Royal Minister of Foreign Affairs has the honour to inform His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador that the Greek Government's contribution towards the maintenance of the British Military Mission, the British Naval Mission and the Royal Air Force Delegation in Greece for the year ending 30 June 1950 has been fixed at 14,000,000,000 drachmae.

The Royal Minister of Foreign Affairs has the honour to be, etc.

Athens, 11 May 1950

His Britannic Majesty's Embassy
Athens
