

No. 2428

GREECE
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement supplementing the Agreement of 11 October 1945 concerning the use and disposal of United Nations vessels captured or found by their forces in the course of operations for the liberation of Europe. London, 30 November 1945

Official text: English.

Registered by Greece on 4 January 1954.

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

Échange de lettres constituant un accord complétant l'Accord du 11 octobre 1945 relatif à l'usage et à la disposition des navires des Nations Unies que les forces de celles-ci ont capturés ou retrouvés au cours des opérations de libération de l'Europe. Londres, 30 novembre 1945

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par la Grèce le 4 janvier 1954.

No. 2428. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN GREECE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND SUPPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT OF 11 OCTOBER 1945² CONCERNING THE USE AND DISPOSAL OF UNITED NATIONS VESSELS CAPTURED OR FOUND BY THEIR FORCES IN THE COURSE OF OPERATIONS FOR THE LIBERATION OF EUROPE. LONDON, 30 NOVEMBER 1945

I

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1

30th November, 1945

No. W 13655/273/58

Your Excellency,

With reference to the exchange of notes of 11th October² regarding the Liberated Ships Memorandum, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that His Majesty's Government is prepared to agree that the term "vessels belonging to that State" as used in Part II, paragraph 1, of the said Memorandum shall be extended to include vessels under construction in Greece or elsewhere for the Greek flag but requisitioned by the Germans before registration and completion and since completed. They do so, however, on the understanding that the treatment of these ships is regarded as a special case and shall not be used as a precedent for maintaining that other classes of property which may prove to be in the same or in a similar position, should be treated likewise.

2. In cases where the Germans have paid part of the contract price or compensated the owners for the requisition, it would clearly be inequitable for a particular Greek owner to benefit by such payments and we assume that appropriate arrangements will be made to prevent this. Such vessels will, of course, be subject to all claims, and arrangements will have to be made to account for any enemy interest in them.

¹ Came into force on 30 November 1945 by the exchange of the said letters.

² See p. 330 of this volume.

3. Should these proposals and expressions of intent meet with the approval of the Government of Greece, I have the honour to suggest that this note, together with your reply indicating the concurrence of Your Excellency's Government, should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(For Mr. Attlee)
(Signed) N. J. A. CHEETHAM

His Excellency Monsieur Thanassis Aghnides
etc., etc., etc.
51 Upper Brook Street, W.1

II

AMBASSADE ROYALE DE GRÈCE
51, UPPER BROOK STREET, LONDON, W.1

30th November, 1945

No. 9727/B/45

Sir,

I have had the honour of receiving your communication No. W 13655/273/58 dated today and reading as follows :

[See letter I]

In reply I have the honour to state that these proposals meet with the approval of my Government and that therefore I agree to your suggestion that these notes, exchanged today should be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

(For the Ambassador)
I. ROMANOS

Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin, M. P.
H. M. Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
etc., etc., etc.