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

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement regarding the
federation of Eritrea with Ethiopia under the sover-
eignty of the Ethiopian Crown. Addis Ababa, 27 and
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ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
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tion de l'Érythrée avec l'Éthiopie sous la souveraineté
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No. 2573. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA REGARDING THE FEDERATION OF ERITREA WITH ETHIOPIA UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE ETHIOPIAN CROWN. ADDIS ABABA, 27 AND 29 AUGUST 1952

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Her Majesty's Ambassador at Addis Ababa to the Ethiopian Minister for Foreign Affairs

BRITISH EMBASSY

Addis Ababa, 27th August, 1952

Your Excellency,

As your Excellency will recall, it had been requested and subsequently agreed that His Imperial Majesty should delay ratification of the Federal Act until the 1st September. I have now the honour to propose that the ratification of the Federal Act be postponed until the 11th September.

2. It is laid down in paragraph 14 of the Resolution No. 390 (V) of the 2nd December, 1950,² which provided for the federation of Eritrea with Ethiopia under the sovereignty of the Ethiopian Crown, that the transfer of power shall take place as soon as the Eritrean Constitution and the Federal Act shall enter into effect.³ Since the Eritrean Constitution has already been ratified by His Imperial Majesty, it follows that, if the Federal Act is ratified, as proposed in paragraph 1 above, on the 11th September, it, as well as the federation, will enter into effect on that day.

3. In our recent discussions on this matter, it has been agreed that the words "as soon as" in paragraph 14 of the United Nations Resolution should be interpreted as meaning to provide the minimum of time actually necessary to effect the transfer (*effectuer matériellement*), that is, three or four days, and

¹ Came into force on 29 August 1952 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth session, Supplement No. 20 (A/1775)*.

³ The following information is given by the United Kingdom (*Treaty Series No. 22 (1954), Cmd. 9110*): "September 15, 1952".

in any case by the 15th September. I have therefore the honour to propose that the transfer of power to the Federal and Eritrean Governments shall have been completed by the 15th September.

4. I shall be glad to learn whether your Excellency, on behalf of the Imperial Ethiopian Government, is in agreement with the foregoing proposals. In that event, I would further propose that the present note and your Excellency's reply thereto should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter.

I have, &c.

Douglas L. BUSK

II

The Ethiopian Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Addis Ababa

Addis Ababa, 29th August, 1952

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's note of 27th August, 1952, reading as follows :

[*See note I*]

I take pleasure in confirming the agreement of the Imperial Ethiopian Government to the proposals set out in the above-quoted note and to request your Excellency to accept the present reply as constituting and completing the Agreement between our two Governments in this matter.

I avail, &c.,

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