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ROINN GNOTHAI EACHTRACHA

(Department of External Affairs)

BAILE ATHA CLIATH

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Dublin, 30 June 1954

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place regarding certain services rendered by the Meteorological Service at Shannon Airport to Belgian civil aircraft flying on direct routes between Brussels and North America.

I now desire to inform you that, subject to the conditions stated below, the Irish Government are prepared to agree that the Meteorological Office, Shannon Airport, will provide for civil aircraft on direct flights both eastbound and westbound between North America and Brussels, which traverse the Shannon Oceanic Area, flight meteorological watch as specified in current ICAO MET procedures, during the time in which the aircraft are in flight between 30° W and 8° W. The conditions envisaged by my Government are;

- (i) that the Belgian Authorities will arrange to have forwarded to Shannon in good time a flight plan and departure signal for each westbound aircraft together with a coded copy (ROFOT) of the forecast issued by the aircraft in respect of the portion of the route between 8° W and destination.
- (ii) that, in respect of each eastbound flight, flight data and ROFOT in respect of the portion of the route between 30° W and Brussels will be made available to Shannon in good time;

¹ Came into force on 10 July 1951, in accordance with the terms of the said letters. This Agreement is not applicable to the territories of the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

- (iii) that, for this service, the Belgian Minister of Communications will cause to be paid to the Irish Minister for Industry and Commerce at the end of each quarter a fee calculated at the rate of £300 per annum, payment to be effected in sterling, Belgian francs, Swiss francs or dollars.
- (iv) that these arrangements will be regarded as having been in force from July 10th, 1951, and that they may be terminated at any time by either the Irish Government or the Belgian Government on six months notice.

I should be grateful to learn whether the foregoing arrangements are acceptable to the Belgian Government; in which event I propose that this Note and your reply should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my high consideration.

Liam COSGRAVE
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Chargé d'Affaires
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Dublin

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

BELGIAN LEGATION

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Dublin, 30 June 1954

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 30 June 1954 containing the following text :

[See letter I]

I have pleasure in confirming that the foregoing arrangements are acceptable to the Belgian Government and that your above-mentioned letter and my reply may accordingly be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on the points covered therein.

I have the honour to be, Sir, etc.,

(Signed) Chevalier Hynderick de Theulegoet

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