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I have the honour to inform Your Excellency, on the instructions of the President of the Republic of India that the Government of India undertake to accord to the Italian Government, as regards the care and maintenance of graves of soldiers formerly members of the Italian Armed Forces, both metropolitan and colonial, fallen or buried in the territory of India, a treatment analogous to and not less favourable than that accorded by the Italian Government for the care and maintenance of the Commonwealth graves in Italy under the provisions of the Agreement signed on this day² between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and Pakistan on the one hand, and the Italian Government on the other hand, having regard to the number of graves concerned. Accordingly, the Government of India will arrange with the Italian Government, through the diplomatic channel, for appropriate facilities to be granted in the territory in question where there are Italian war graves and will also take the necessary steps to ensure that the competent Italian authorities are given all possible assistance in tracing such graves.

2. If the proposals outlined above meet with the approval of the Italian Government I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, and Your Excellency's reply in that sense, shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

(Signed) Binay Ranjan SEN
Ambassador of India in Italy

Rome

Dated the 27th August, 1953

¹ Came into force on 20 June 1955.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 213, p. 137.