

No. 4891

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**AUSTRALIA  
and  
SWITZERLAND  
(ACTING IN THE NAME OF THE CANTON DE VAUD)**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement terminating a Declaration of 27 August 1872 relating to succession or legacy duties so far as it applies to the relations between the Canton de Vaud and the Commonwealth of Australia. London, 4 and 21 May 1959**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by Australia on 29 September 1959.*

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**AUSTRALIE  
et  
SUISSE  
(AGISSANT AU NOM DU CANTON DE VAUD)**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord mettant fin aux effets de la Déclaration du 27 août 1872 concernant les droits de succession ou de mutation, dans la mesure où elle s'applique aux relations entre le canton de Vaud et le Commonwealth d'Australie. Londres, 4 et 21 mai 1959**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par l'Australie le 29 septembre 1959.*

No. 4891. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AND THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION (ACTING IN THE NAME OF THE CANTON DE VAUD) TERMINATING A DECLARATION OF 27 AUGUST 1872<sup>2</sup> RELATING TO SUCCESSION OR LEGACY DUTIES SO FAR AS IT APPLIES TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CANTON DE VAUD AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. LONDON, 4 AND 21 MAY 1959

## I

AMBASSADE DE SUISSE  
LONDRES<sup>3</sup>

May 4, 1959

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the competent authorities of the Canton de Vaud have expressed the desire to abrogate the Declaration signed at Berne on 27th August, 1872,<sup>2</sup> between the Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation, acting in the name of the Canton de Vaud, and the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, relating to succession or legacy duties to be levied on the property of a citizen or subject of either of the two Contracting Parties dying within the territory of the other Contracting Party, as far as this Declaration applies to the relations between the Canton de Vaud and the Commonwealth of Australia.

I accordingly have the honour, upon instructions received from my Government and in the name of the Canton de Vaud, to propose that the Declaration mentioned above of the 27th of August, 1872, shall, in so far as it relates to citizens of the Canton de Vaud dying in the Commonwealth of Australia and citizens of the Commonwealth of Australia dying in the Canton de Vaud, be terminated with effect as from the date mentioned in the following paragraph.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, I have the honour to suggest that this Note and Your Excellency's reply in that sense should be regarded as constituting the Agreement between the Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation, acting in the name of the

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 26 June 1959, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> De Martens, *Nouveau Recueil général de Traités*, deuxième série, tome II, p. 82.

<sup>3</sup> Swiss Embassy, London.

Canton de Vaud, and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, terminating the Declaration of the 27th of August, 1872, as far as it applies to the relations between the Canton de Vaud and the Commonwealth of Australia. The Agreement will come into force on the day of its approval by the Conseil d'État of the Canton de Vaud.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,  
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(Signed) A. DAENIKER

His Excellency The Right Honourable Sir Eric Harrison, K.C.V.O.  
High Commissioner for Australia  
Australia House, Strand  
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## II

AUSTRALIA HOUSE  
LONDON, W. C. 2

21st May, 1959

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's note of 4th May 1959, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I confirm that the proposal outlined in Your Excellency's Note is acceptable to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia which agrees with your suggestion that your Note and this present reply should be regarded as constituting the Agreement between the Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation acting in the name of the Canton de Vaud and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia terminating the Declaration of 27th August 1872 as far as it applies to the relations between the Canton de Vaud and the Commonwealth of Australia and coming into force on the date of its approval by the Parliament of the Canton de Vaud.

I should be grateful if you would let me know in due course of the date on which the Parliament of the Canton de Vaud approves of the Agreement.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,  
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(Signed) E. J. HARRISON

His Excellency Monsieur Armin Daeniker  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Swiss Embassy  
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