

No. 5486

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

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning
British residents in Cyprus, relative to the Treaty of
16 August 1960 concerning the Establishment of the
Republic of Cyprus. Nicosia, 16 August 1960**

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

**Échange de notes constituant un accord sur les ressortissants
britanniques résidant à Chypre, conclu dans le cadre
du Traité du 16 août 1960 relatif à la création de la
République de Chypre. Nicosie, 16 août 1960**

Texte officiel anglais.

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No. 5486. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND CYPRUS CONCERNING BRITISH RESIDENTS IN CYPRUS, RELATIVE TO THE TREATY OF 16 AUGUST 1960² CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS. NICOSIA, 16 AUGUST 1960

I

Nicosia, August 16, 1960

Your Excellencies,

I have the honour, with reference to the discussions which took place during the negotiations leading up to the Treaty concerning the Establishment of the Republic of Cyprus of to-day's date,² to set out the arrangements with respect to British residents in the Republic of Cyprus, which were agreed between us, as follows :

(a) Circumstances may arise in which under existing Cyprus law (The Immovable Property Acquisition (Aliens) Law, Chapter 228 of the Statute laws of Cyprus) British residents would not be permitted, as aliens, to acquire immovable property in the Republic of Cyprus, otherwise than by inheritance, without the consent of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. Since no restriction will be placed upon the acquisition of immovable property in the United Kingdom by persons who become citizens of the Republic of Cyprus and who on 16th February, 1961 are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, or by their descendants, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus are prepared to secure that British residents and their descendants and the wives and widows of such persons, who are ordinarily resident in the Republic of Cyprus, will be able to acquire immovable property in the Republic of Cyprus without restriction.

(b) Since no restriction will be placed on persons, who become citizens of the Republic of Cyprus, who are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on 16th February, 1961 and who leave the United Kingdom, in remitting to Cyprus from the United Kingdom their assets (including the realised proceeds of their capital assets) and payments of pensions and other like benefits made in the United Kingdom after they have left, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus are prepared to secure that British residents who

¹ Came into force on 16 August 1960, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² See p. 8 of this volume.

leave the Republic, will be able to remit from Cyprus their assets (including the realised proceeds of their capital assets) and payments of pensions and other like benefits made in Cyprus after they have left.

(c) The British residents attach importance to their freedom of entry into and exit from the Republic of Cyprus, their residence in the Republic, their pursuit of any legitimate gainful occupation (including both the right to give and to accept employment) and to their suffering no disability by addressing the authorities of the Republic of Cyprus in the English language. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus are prepared to give an assurance that the British residents, and their descendants and the wives and widows of such persons, whose home is in Cyprus, will suffer no disability in respect of the matters mentioned in this sub-paragraph.

(d) In this Note, "British residents" means citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies of United Kingdom origin, ordinarily resident in Cyprus on to-day's date, who do not become citizens of the Republic of Cyprus.

2. I have the honour to suggest that, if the arrangements set out in this Note are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, this Note, together with your reply to that effect, shall be regarded as constituting an agreement in this matter between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus which shall enter into force on to-day's date.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellencies' most obedient humble Servant,

Hugh FOOT

Archbishop Makarios
President of the Republic of Cyprus

Dr. Fazil Kutchuk
Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus

II

Nicosia, August 16, 1960

Your Excellency,

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of to-day's date which reads as follows :

[See note I]

2. The arrangements set out in that Note are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and we have the honour therefore to confirm that that Note, together with this reply, shall constitute an agreement accordingly.

We have the honour to present our best respects,

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