

No. 6581

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement relating to
the inheritance of international rights and obligations
by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. Port of
Spain, 31 August 1962**

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

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif à la suc-
cession du Gouvernement de la Trinité et Tobago à
des droits et obligations d'ordre international. Port of
Spain, 31 août 1962**

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 2 avril 1963.

No. 6581. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO RELATING TO THE INHERITANCE OF INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. PORT OF SPAIN, 31 AUGUST 1962

I

Letter from the British High Commissioner in Trinidad and Tobago to the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago

Port of Spain, 31st August, 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Trinidad and Tobago Independence Act, 1962, under which Trinidad and Tobago has assumed independent status within the Commonwealth of which Her Majesty the Queen is Head, and to state that it is the understanding of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago agree to the following provisions :

- (i) all obligations and responsibilities of the Government of the United Kingdom which arise from any valid international instrument (including any such instruments made by the Government of the Federation of the West Indies by virtue of authority entrusted by the Government of the United Kingdom) shall henceforth be assumed by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, insofar as such instruments may be held to have application to Trinidad and Tobago ;
- (ii) the rights and benefits which heretofore were enjoyed by the Government of the United Kingdom in virtue of the application of any such international instrument to Trinidad and Tobago shall henceforth be enjoyed by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

¹ Came into force on 31 August 1962, in accordance with the terms of the said letters.

2. I shall be grateful for your confirmation that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago are in agreement with the provisions aforesaid, and that this letter and your reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed) N. E. COSTAR
High Commissioner

II

Letter from the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago to the British High Commissioner in Trinidad and Tobago

Port of Spain, 31st August, 1962

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, which reads as follows :

[See letter I]

I have pleasure in confirming that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago are in agreement with the provisions set out in your letter of today's date, and that Your Excellency's letter and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed) ERIC WILLIAMS
Prime Minister