

**No. 6931**

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

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement about the  
incorporation of the Northern Cameroons into the Fede-  
ration of Nigeria. Lagos, 29 May 1961**

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

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord concernant le  
rattachement du Cameroun septentrional à la Fédéra-  
tion de Nigéria. Lagos, 29 mai 1961**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par la Nigéria le 23 septembre 1963.*

No. 6931. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ABOUT THE INCORPORATION OF THE NORTHERN CAMEROONS INTO THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA. LAGOS, 29 MAY 1961

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## I

*Letter from the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in the Federation of Nigeria to the Prime Minister of the Federation of Nigeria*

Lagos, 29th May, 1961

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the plebiscite held in the Northern Cameroons on the 11th and 12th February, 1961, which resulted in a majority vote in favour of joining the Federation of Nigeria and to Resolution No. 1608 (XV)<sup>2</sup> of the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

2. I am instructed to recall the discussions held in London in May, 1960, with representatives of the Nigerian Governments at which the terms on which the Northern Cameroons would rejoin Nigeria were referred to.

3. It is the understanding of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Government of the Federation of Nigeria, and the other Governments in Nigeria, so far as they are concerned, agree with the Government of the United Kingdom that the Northern Cameroons should be admitted to the Federation of Nigeria and incorporated in Northern Nigeria and that the Governments concerned will take the necessary legislative action to amend the Constitutions of the Federation and of Northern Nigeria in accordance with Section 16 of the Nigeria (Constitution) Order in Council, 1960.

4. The Government of the United Kingdom further understand that it is the intention that the new system of local administration which was introduced into the Northern Cameroons on the 1st July, 1960, shall continue after the incorporation of the territory into Nigeria.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 June 1961, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the said letters.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 16A (A/4684/Add. 1)*, p. 10.

5. In accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Resolution 1608 (XV) of the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations the Government of the United Kingdom will regard the Northern Cameroons as being part of the territory of the Federation of Nigeria with effect from June 1st, 1961.

6. I shall be grateful for your confirmation that these understandings of the Government of the United Kingdom are correct and that the Government of the Federation of Nigeria agree that this note and your reply confirming these understandings shall constitute an agreement.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) HEAD

## II

*Letter from the Prime Minister of the Federation of Nigeria to the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in the Federation of Nigeria*

29th May, 1961

My Lord,

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

[See letter I]

I have pleasure in confirming that these understandings of the Government of the United Kingdom are correct and that the Government of the Federation of Nigeria agree that your Note and this reply confirming these understandings shall constitute an agreement.

I have the honour to be, My Lord,  
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) Abubakar BALEWA