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UNITED NATIONS and CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE)

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement regarding the dates of cessation of ONUC responsibility and commencement of Congolese responsibility for the administration of Kitona and Kamina bases and their personnel. Leopoldville, 15 February and 2 March 1964

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ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES et CONGO (LÉOPOLDVILLE)

Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif aux dates auxquelles doivent cesser la responsabilité de l'ONUC et commencer celle du Gouvernement congolais concernant l'administration des bases de Kitona et de Kamina et de leur personnel. Léopoldville, 15 février et 2 mars 1964

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No. 7735. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO REGARDING THE DATES OF CESSATION OF ONUC RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMENCEMENT OF CONGOLESE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF KITONA AND KAMINA BASES AND THEIR PERSONNEL. LEOPOLDVILLE, 15 FEBRUARY AND 2 MARCH 1964

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The United Nations Mission in the Congo presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Congo and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of its Note No. 1341/00905/64 of 11 February 1964 relating to the measures taken by the competent authorities of the Central Government to assume responsibility for the continued employment and the payment of all personnel of the Kitona and Kamina bases when ONUC ceases to administer those bases.

Following the arrangements concluded on 23 and 27 January 1964² between the delegations of ONUC, the Belgian Government and the Congolese Government to enable the operations for the take-over and transfer of the Kamina and Kitona bases to begin before the exchanges of letters³ which are to establish the procedures for those operations, the Mission wishes to confirm to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the said operations were completed in respect of Kitona on 6 February 1964 and in respect of Kamina on 14 February 1964.

Since the three delegations undertook to recognize the take-over/transfer operations thus completed, the Mission requests the Congolese Government to assume responsibility from the above-mentioned dates for the payment of the personnel of the aforesaid bases, just as it has already assumed responsibility for the installations in question. The United Nations wishes to inform the Ministry that the wages of the personnel concerned have already been paid up to the dates indicated.

The Mission has the honour to propose that this Note and the reply of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall constitute an agreement between the United Nations and the Central Government of the Congo, under which the Government shall assume

¹ Came into force on 2 March 1964 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>See pp. 101 and 103 of this volume.
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responsibility for the personnel of the Kitona and Kamina bases from 6 February 1964 and 14 February 1964 respectively.

In its Note of 11 February 1964, the Congolese Government requested ONUC to consider the possibility of the services of specific technical personnel being retained at United Nations expense for the Kamina and Kitona bases.

The Mission wishes to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that that request will be given close consideration and that a communication on the subject will be sent to the Ministry in the near future.

The United Nations Mission in the Congo takes this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Leopoldville, 15 February 1964.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Congo Leopoldville

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REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 1341/01504/64

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Congo presents its compliments to the United Nations Mission in the Congo and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of its Note GVT/31/64 of 15 February 1964 relating to the administration of the Kamina and Bas-Congo military bases and their personnel.

The Ministry confirms that, in accordance with the arrangements concluded between the delegations of the United Nations, the Belgian Government and the Congolese Government on 23 and 27 January and 15 February 1964, the Congolese Government has assumed responsibility for the administration of the Bas-Congo and Kamina bases and their personnel on 6 February 1964 and 14 February 1964 respectively.

The Ministry takes this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Mission in the Congo the assurances of its highest consideration.

Leopoldville, 2 March 1964.

The United Nations Mission in the Congo Leopoldville