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Exchange of letters constituting an agreement relating to the settlement of claims filed against the United Nations in the Congo by Greek nationals. New York, 20 June 1966

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Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif au règlement de réclamations présentées contre l'Organisation des Nations Unies au Congo par des ressortissants grecs. New York, 20 juin 1966

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No. 8230. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND GREECE RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS FILED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE CONGO BY GREEK NATIONALS. NEW YORK, 20 JUNE 1966

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UNITED NATIONS
NEW YORK

No. AD 632/1 (2) ONUC

20 June 1966

Sir,

A number of Greek nationals have lodged with the United Nations claims for damage to persons and property arising from the operations of the United Nations Force in the Congo, particularly those which took place in Katanga. The claims in question have been examined by United Nations officials assigned to assemble all the information necessary for establishing the relevant facts submitted by the claimants or their beneficiaries and any other available information.

The United Nations has agreed that the claims of Greek nationals who may have suffered damage as a result of harmful acts committed by ONUC personnel, and not arising from military necessity, should be dealt with in an equitable manner.

It has stated that it would not evade responsibility where it was established that United Nations agents had in fact caused unjustifiable damage to innocent parties.

It is pointed out that, under these principles, the United Nations does not assume liability for damage to persons or property which resulted solely from military operations or which, although caused by third parties, has given rise to claims against the United Nations; such cases are therefore excluded from the proposed compensation.

Consultations have taken place with the Greek Government. The examination of the claims having now been completed, the United Nations shall, without prejudice

¹ Came into force on 20 June 1966 by the exchange of the said letters.

to its privileges and immunities, pay to the Greek Government the sum of one hundred thousand United States dollars in outright and final settlement of all claims arising from the causes mentioned in the first paragraph of this letter.

The distribution of the sum referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be effected by the Greek Government. The United Nations shall supply to the Greek Government all information at its disposal which might be useful in effecting the distribution of the sum in question, including the list of individual cases in which the United Nations has considered that it must bear financial responsibility, and any other information relevant to the determination of such responsibility.

Acceptance of the above-mentioned payment shall constitute the outright and final settlement between Greece and the United Nations of all the claims referred to in this letter. It is understood that this settlement does not affect any claims arising from contractual relationships between the claimants and the United Nations or those which are at present still handled by United Nations administrative departments, such as ordinary requisitions.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Secretary-General

His Excellency Mr. Alexis S. Liatis
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Permanent Representative of Greece
to the United Nations
New York, N. Y.

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PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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New York, 20 June 1966

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20 June 1966 concerning the settlement of the problem of claims lodged with the United Nations by Greek nationals or their beneficiaries who suffered damage arising from the operations carried out by the United Nations Force in the Congo, particularly those which took place in Katanga.

I have the honour to inform you that the Greek Government has decided to accept the outright and final settlement which you have proposed. This decision was taken bearing in mind the financial burdens of the Organization in the present situation.

Your letter of 20 June 1966 and my reply constitute an agreement between the United Nations and the Greek Government which takes effect this day.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Alexis S. LIATIS
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative of Greece
to the United Nations

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Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York, N. Y.