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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

Agreement concerning the establishment of a direct communication link between the Residence of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in London and the Kremlin. Signed at London, on 25 August 1967

Official texts: English and Russian.

Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 29 February 1968.

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES
SOVIÉTIQUES**

Accord relatif à l'établissement d'une ligne de communication directe entre la résidence du Premier Ministre du Royaume-Uni à Londres et le Kremlin. Signé à Londres, le 25 août 1967

Textes officiels anglais et russe.

Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 29 février 1968.

No. 9007. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIRECT COMMUNICATION LINK BETWEEN THE RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN LONDON AND THE KREMLIN. SIGNED AT LONDON, ON 25 AUGUST 1967

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

Having in mind the agreement concerning the establishment of a direct communication link between the Residence of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in London and the Kremlin;

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1

The direct communication link between the Residence of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and the Kremlin shall be organised from the following component parts:

- a) Two terminal communication points equipped with telegraphic printing apparatus, between which the exchange of communications will be carried out directly.
- b) One duplex cable telegraph channel with round-the-clock operation, organised by agreement with the respective countries, along the route United Kingdom, Holland, Denmark, Poland, U.S.S.R.
- c) One duplex radio telegraph channel with round-the-clock operation, organised between London and Moscow.

The radio telegraph channel shall be equipped with apparatus for automatic error correction.

Article 2

1) The terminal communication points shall be equipped with apparatus securing the transmission and reception of communications from Moscow to London in the Russian language and from London to Moscow in the English language.

¹ Came into force on 25 August 1967 by signature, in accordance with article 9.

2) In connexion with this, the Soviet Union shall deliver to the United Kingdom six complete sets of terminal telegraph equipment, including three-register (Russian and Latin scripts and figures) page teleprinters with spare parts for one year's use and with all necessary special instruments, measuring devices, instructions for use, and other technical literature.

3) The United Kingdom shall deliver to the Soviet Union six complete sets of terminal telegraph equipment including double-register (Latin script and figures) page teleprinters with spare parts for one year's use and with all necessary special instruments, measuring devices, instructions for use and other technical literature.

4) The equipment mentioned in this Article shall be delivered by the Contracting Parties by direct mutual exchange without payment.

Article 3

1) The terminal points of the direct communication link shall be equipped with encyphering apparatus provided by the United Kingdom, using a one-time cypher tape.

2) The United Kingdom shall deliver to the Soviet Union six sets of the above-mentioned apparatus for the terminal communication point in the Soviet Union with spare parts for one year's use, with all necessary instructions and other technical literature, with payment by the Soviet Union of the cost of its delivery.

Article 4

1) The Soviet Union shall ensure the preparation and the delivery of cypher tape to the terminal communication point in the United Kingdom for the reception of communications from the Soviet Union.

2) The United Kingdom shall secure the preparation and delivery of cypher tape to the terminal communication point in the Soviet Union for the reception of communications from the United Kingdom.

3) The transfer of the prepared cypher tapes to the terminal points of communication shall be carried out through the Embassy of the Soviet Union in London (for the communication point in the Soviet Union) and through the British Embassy in Moscow (for the communication point in the United Kingdom).

Article 5

1) Each Contracting Party shall determine which authorities shall be responsible for the organisation of the direct communication link, its technical

maintenance, the continuity and reliability of operation, and the timely transmission of communications.

2) The operation of the direct communication link will be carried out on the basis of Recommendations signed by the representatives of the authorities of the Contracting Parties which are responsible for the technical organisation of this link.

3) These authorities by mutual agreement may make necessary alterations and additions to the Recommendations; they will take measures for improving the quality of the signals operation.

Article 6

1) The technical parameters of the telegraph channels and the terminal equipment and also their technical maintenance must correspond to the recommendations of the Consultative Committees of the International Telecommunications Union.

2) The transmissions and reception of communications on the direct communication link shall be carried out in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the international Telegraph¹ and Radio² Regulations and also in accordance with mutually agreed instructions.

Article 7

Expenses for the direct communication link shall be shared in the following way:

- a) The sectors of the line on the territory from Moscow to the State frontier of the Soviet Union and from London to the State frontier of the United Kingdom shall be paid for respectively by each Contracting Party.
- b) the international sector of the line from the State frontier of the Soviet Union to the State frontier of the United Kingdom shall be paid for by each Contracting Party equally, 50% each.
- c) Expenses relating to the setting up and use of the radio telegraph channel London-Moscow shall be paid for by each Contracting Party on its own territory.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall take measures to ensure that the direct communication link Residence of the Prime Minister—Kremlin shall be opened as soon as possible after the signing of the present Agreement.

¹ United Kingdom: *Treaty Series No. 74 (1961)*, Cmnd. 1484.

² United States of America: *Treaties and Other International Acts Series 4893*.

Article 9

The present Agreement shall enter into force from the date of its signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Representatives of the two Governments have signed the present Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at London this 25th day of August 1967, in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland:

G. THOMSON

For the Government of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics:

M. SMIRNOVSKY
