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

**and  
QATAR**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the termination of special treaty relations between the United Kingdom and Qatar. Geneva, 3 September 1971**

*Authentic texts : English and Arabic.*

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 9 May 1972.*

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

**et  
QATAR**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'abrogation du régime spécial de traité entre le Royaume-Uni et le Qatar. Genève, 3 septembre 1971**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KING-  
DOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR  
CONCERNING THE TERMINATION OF SPECIAL  
TREATY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KING-  
DOM AND QATAR

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*Her Majesty's Political Resident at Bahrain  
to His Highness the Ruler of Qatar*

3rd September, 1971

Your Highness,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place between Your Highness and myself concerning the termination of the special treaty relations between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the State of Qatar and to the desire of Your Highness's Government that the State of Qatar should resume full international responsibility as a sovereign and independent State. The following conclusions were reached in the course of these discussions :

(1) The special treaty relations between the United Kingdom and the State of Qatar, which are inconsistent with full international responsibility as a sovereign and independent State, shall terminate with effect from today's date.

(2) The General Treaty of the 3rd of November 1916 and the treaties and engagements which the State of Qatar accepted thereunder and all other agreements, engagements, undertakings and arrangements between the United Kingdom and the State of Qatar flowing from the special treaty relations between the two States shall terminate with effect from the same date.

(3) The relations between the United Kingdom and the State of Qatar shall continue to be governed by a spirit of close friendship and co-operation, and to this end a treaty of friendship concerning the future relations between the two States shall be signed. If the foregoing correctly represents the conclusions reached between Your Highness and myself I have the honour to suggest that the present note and Your Highness's reply to that effect, shall be regarded as

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 3 September 1971, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the said notes.

constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on today's date.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Highness the assurances of my highest consideration.

GEOFFREY ARTHUR  
Her Britannic Majesty's Political Resident

[TRANSLATION<sup>1</sup> — TRADUCTION<sup>2</sup>]

*His Highness the Ruler of Qatar to Her Majesty's  
Political Resident at Bahrain*

3rd September, 1971

Your Excellency,

With reference to Your Excellency's note of today's date which reads as follows :

[*See note I*]

In reply to this note, I have the pleasure to confirm to Your Excellency my agreement that the proposals contained in it accurately represent the agreement reached during my discussions with you, and that this note and my reply shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments on this matter, and shall enter into force on today's date.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[*Signed*]

AHMAD BIN ALI AL-THANI  
Ruler of Qatar

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<sup>1</sup> Translation supplied by the Government of the United Kingdom.

<sup>2</sup> Traduction fournie par le Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni.