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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
ABU DHABI**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the termination of special treaty relations between the United Kingdom and Abu Dhabi. Bahrain and Abu Dhabi, 1 December 1971

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

Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'abrogation du régime spécial de traité entre le Royaume-Uni et Abou Dhabi. Bahreïn et Abou Dhabi, 1^{er} décembre 1971

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KING-
DOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EMIRATE OF ABU
DHABI CONCERNING THE TERMINATION OF SPECIAL
TREATY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KING-
DOM AND ABU DHABI

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

1 December, 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 Emirate of Abu Dhabi and to the desire of Your Highness's Government that the Emirate of Abu Dhabi should be a member of the United Arab Emirates which is about to be established and to assume full international responsibility as a sovereign and independent State. On behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom I now propose that :

- (1) The special treaty relations between the United Kingdom and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, which are inconsistent with membership of a Union which has full international responsibility as a sovereign and independent State, shall terminate with effect from today's date.
- (2) The Exclusive Agreement of 6 March 1892 and all other agreements, engagements, undertakings and arrangements between the United Kingdom and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi 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 Emirate of Abu Dhabi as a member of the United Arab Emirates shall continue to be governed by a spirit of close friendship and co-operation in accordance with a treaty of friendship concerning the future relations between the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to Your Highness's Government, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your Highness's reply

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to that effect, shall be regarded as 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

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

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

Your Excellency,

After Greetings,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note of today's date which reads as follows :

[*See note I*]

I have pleasure in confirming to Your Excellency in reply to this Note that the proposals in it are acceptable to my Government and that that Note and this reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments on this matter which shall enter into force on today's date.

Please accept my highest greetings and respect.

ZAID BIN SULTAN AL NAHAYYAN
Ruler of Abu Dhabi

1 December 1971.

¹ Translation supplied by the Government of the United Kingdom.

² Traduction fournie par le Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni.