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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
and  
**FIJI**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to continued application to Fiji of the United States-United Kingdom Consular Convention of 6 June 1951. Suva, 16 October 1972, and Washington, 12 December 1972**

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*Registered by the United States of America on 21 November 1973.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**  
et  
**FIDJI**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif au maintien en vigueur à l'égard de Fidji de la Convention consulaire du 6 juin 1951 entre les États-Unis et le Royaume-Uni. Suva, 16 octobre 1972, et Washington, 12 décembre 1972**

*Texte authentique: anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 21 novembre 1973.*

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FIJI  
RELATING TO CONTINUED APPLICATION TO FIJI OF THE  
UNITED STATES-UNITED KINGDOM CONSULAR CONVEN-  
TION OF 6 JUNE 1951<sup>2</sup>

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PRIME MINISTER  
SUVA, FIJI

C1173/6/1

16th October, 1972

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the declaration made on 10th October 1970<sup>3</sup> to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in which it was stated that the Government of Fiji, conscious of the desirability of maintaining existing legal relationships, and conscious of its obligations under international law to honour its treaty commitments, acknowledged that many treaty rights and obligations of the Government of the United Kingdom in respect of Fiji were succeeded to by Fiji upon independence by virtue of customary international law; but that since it is likely that in virtue of customary international law certain treaties might have lapsed at the date of independence of Fiji it seemed essential that each treaty should be subjected to legal examination; and that it was proposed that after this examination would have been completed, to indicate which, if any, of the treaties which might have lapsed by customary international law the Government of Fiji might wish to treat as having lapsed.

The Government of Fiji has examined the Consular Convention entered into between the United Kingdom and the United States of America on 6th June 1951.<sup>2</sup>

I have the honour to inform you that it is the desire of the Government of Fiji that the above Convention should be regarded as in force between our respective countries, and as continuing to regulate consular arrangements between them pending any new convention which might be concluded.

I have the honour to suggest that your Government's reply in the above sense and this note should be considered by our respective Governments as constituting an agreement to that effect.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Obedient Servant,

[Signed]

K. K. T. MARA  
Prime Minister and Minister for  
Foreign Affairs

The Secretary of State  
Government of the United States of America  
Washington

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 12 December 1972 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 165 p. 121.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 752, p. 207.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

December 12, 1972

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of October 16, 1972 in which it is stated that the Government of Fiji desires that the Consular Convention of June 6, 1951 between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland be regarded as in force between the United States and Fiji, pending any new convention which might be concluded.

I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States of America considers that the above-mentioned Convention continues in force between the United States of America and Fiji and that your note and this reply constitute an agreement to that effect.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

WILLIAM P. ROGERS  
Secretary of State  
of the United States of America

The Honorable Ratu Sir Kamisese K. T. Mara, K.B.E.  
Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Fiji  
Suva

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