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## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN FRANCE AND ITALY CONCERNING THE JOINT OPERATION OF THE AUTOROUTE DES FLEURS

## I

Rome, 14 December 1972

Excellency,

With reference to the recent conversations between our two Governments concerning the joint operation of Highway A 8 and the Autoroute des Fleurs between Roquebrune and Ventimiglia, I have the honour to set forth below the clauses which the French Government is prepared to accept with regard to this matter:

1. The French and Italian customs and police clearance of traffic to France or to Italy and the collection of tolls shall be effected at offices situated on a platform prepared for that purpose in the Roya Valley near Ventimiglia.

However, the French customs administration reserves the possibility of affecting in France partial or complete clearance of goods.

2. The competent administrations of the two States shall determine by mutual agreement the administrative, technical and financial conditions governing the construction and functioning of the said offices, in conformity with the provisions of the Convention between France and Italy concerning adjoining national clearance offices and clearance effected *en route* of 11 October 1963.

3. The Société de l'autoroute des Fleurs (A.D.F.) shall construct the clearance platform.

The modalities governing financial participation by the Société française Esterel-Côte d'Azur (Escota) in the construction of the said platform and in costs relating to the collection of tolls shall be determined in a convention between the two companies.

4. The tolls relating to the Roquebrune-Ventimiglia section and applicable to traffic to or from the city of Ventimiglia shall be collected in francs or in lire. The respective amounts shall be set forth in a schedule on the basis of the official parity between the two currencies.

5. Administrative, financial, fiscal and exchange questions shall be dealt with in special agreements.

6. On a provisional basis, each of the two companies shall collect tolls, "for the section of the highway which concerns it", on its own account and in its national currency.

7. The Société de l'autoroute des Fleurs (A.D.F.) shall install on the land constituting the highway right of way, for the account and at the expense of the French Government, a telephone cable and a telex cable linking the Ventimiglia platform with the frontier. The A.D.F. shall be instructed concerning the technical characteristics of these cables.

In addition, the French services situated on the platform may make use of radio communications with France.

8. The vehicles of the two companies, police and customs vehicles and fire engines, as

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 14 December 1972 by the exchange of the said notes, in accordance with their provisions.

also ambulances and authorized repair vehicles, may travel free of charge on the highway between Roquebrune and Ventimiglia.

If the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Italian Government, I propose that this letter and your reply signifying your acceptance shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, concluded for an indeterminate period, which can be terminated with six months' prior notice and which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

Accept, Excellency, etc.

[Signed]

CHARLES LUCET

His Excellency Mr. Cesidio Guazzaroni  
Director-General of Economic Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Rome

## II

Rome, 14 December 1972

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of today's date reading as follows:

[See note I]

In this connexion, I have the honour to inform you that the Italian Government is in agreement with the foregoing.

Accept, Excellency. etc.

C. GUAZZARONI

His Excellency Mr. Charles Lucet  
Ambassador of the French Republic  
Rome

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