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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
GHANA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to radio communications between amateur stations on behalf of third parties. Accra, 13 and 27 October 1977**

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

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif aux échanges de messages radio entre stations d'amateurs pour le compte de tierces personnes. Accra, 13 et 27 octobre 1977**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 24 novembre 1978.*

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GHANA RELATING TO  
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AMATEUR STATIONS ON  
BEHALF OF THIRD PARTIES

I

Note No. 60

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ghana and has the honor to propose that an arrangement be concluded between the United States and Ghana to permit the exchange of third party messages between the radio amateurs of the United States and the Republic of Ghana.

The Embassy has been authorized to submit for the consideration of the Government of Ghana, the following proposal:

“Amateur radio stations of Ghana and of the United States may exchange internationally messages or other communications from or to third parties, provided:

- “1. No compensation may be directly or indirectly paid on such messages or communications.
- “2. Such communications shall be limited to conversations or messages of a technical or personal nature for which, by reason of their unimportance, recourse to the public telecommunications service is not justified. To the extent that in the event of disaster, the public telecommunications service is not readily available for expeditious handling of communications relating directly to safety of life or property, such communications may be handled by amateur stations of the respective countries.
- “3. This arrangement shall be applicable with respect to all amateur radio stations duly licensed by appropriate authorities of either the United States or Ghana.
- “4. This arrangement shall be subject to termination by either government on sixty days’ notice to the other government, by further arrangement between the two governments dealing with the same subject, or by the enactment of legislation in either country inconsistent therewith.”

The Embassy has the honor to suggest to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, providing that the Ministry concurs with the proposal quoted above, that this note, together with the Ministry’s note in reply concurring with the proposal, constitute an understanding between the two Governments with respect to this matter, such understanding to be effective 30 days from the time of the Ministry’s note in reply.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ghana the assurances of its highest consideration.

Accra, October 13, 1977

Embassy of the United States of America

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 26 November 1977, i.e., 30 days from the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

## II

REPUBLIC OF GHANA  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
GHANA

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ghana presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the latter's Note No. 60 dated 13th October 1977, which reads as follows:

[*See note I*]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is pleased to advise the Embassy that the Government of the Republic of Ghana accepts the proposal to conclude the aforesaid arrangement which will enter into force thirty (30) days from the date of this Note.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ghana avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Accra, 27th October, 1977

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