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**AUSTRALIA
and
PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement on the continued application of the Agreement of 6 November 1976 on trade and commercial relations. Canberra, 17 February 1982, and Waigani, 17 March 1982

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Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la continuation de l'application de l'Accord du 6 novembre 1976 relatif au commerce et aux relations commerciales. Canberra, 17 février 1982, et Waigani, 17 mars 1982

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT OF 6 NOVEMBER 1976 ON TRADE AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS²

I

MINISTER FOR TRADE AND RESOURCES
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA

17 February 1982

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to discussions concerning the Agreement on Trade and Commercial Relations between the Government of Australia and the Government of Papua New Guinea signed at Port Moresby on 6 November 1976² (PATCRA) in the light of the South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement done at Tarawa on 14 July 1980³ (SPARTECA) which the Government of Australia has signed and the Government of Papua New Guinea has signed and ratified.

Having regard to the special historical and economic bilateral relationship between our two countries, I have the honour to propose that PATCRA rather than SPARTECA shall continue to govern trade and commercial relations between Australia and Papua New Guinea.

I confirm that separate discussions concerning the applicability to Papua New Guinea of rules of origin which apply under SPARTECA are desirable and should take place as soon as possible.

I have the honour to propose that if the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Papua New Guinea this note and your confirmatory reply shall together constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall apply while PATCRA and SPARTECA are in force for both our Governments.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

J. D. ANTHONY

The Hon. Noel Levi, M.P.
Minister for Foreign Relations and Trade
Parliament House
Port Moresby

¹ Came into force on 17 March 1982 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1216, p. 183

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1240, p. 65.

II

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

17 March 1982

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your note of 17 February 1982 which reads as follows:

[*See note I*]

I have the honour to confirm that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Papua New Guinea and that your note and this note of 17 March 1982 in reply shall together constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall be in force while PATCRA and SPARTECA are in force for both our Governments.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[*Signed*]

W. NOEL LEVI

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Parliament House
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