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AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
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No. 5802. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL FOR THE EXTENSION OF TRANSIT FACILITIES IN THE AZORES TO BRITISH MILITARY AIRCRAFT. LISBON, 21 NOVEMBER 1952

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Her Majesty's Ambassador at Lisbon to the Portuguese Minister for Foreign Affairs

BRITISH EMBASSY

Lisbon, 21st November, 1952

Your Excellency,

On the 11th October, 1951, His Excellency the Portuguese Ambassador in London was so good as to communicate to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the text of the Defence Agreement between Portugal and the United States of America signed in Lisbon on the 6th September, 1951.² In making this communication, Dr. Ulrich drew attention to Article 9 (ii) of the Agreement, which runs as follows: "The Portuguese Government reserves the right to extend to the Government of His Britannic Majesty in the United Kingdom facilities analogous to those granted under this Agreement."

2. Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom deeply appreciate the action of the Portuguese Government in including this provision in the Agreement and will be grateful if, as they understand is the intention of the Portuguese Government, transit facilities such as have been granted to the United States authorities may be extended to British military aircraft. They have instructed me to enquire whether the arrangements set out in the following paragraph would be agreeable to the Portuguese Government.

3. The Portuguese Government will grant to Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom transit facilities for British military aircraft at Lagens aerodrome in the same conditions as they are accorded to United States military aircraft and for the same period. Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom may relinquish the facilities at any moment. The British aircraft

¹ Came into force on 21 November 1952 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 237, p. 217; Vol. 283, p. 323, and Vol. 303, p. 354.