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No. 7734. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND BELGIUM RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF KAMINA AND KITONA BASES TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO. LEOPOLDVILLE, 20 MARCH 1964

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Sir :

I have the honour to refer to the conversations held in January and February 1964 at Leopoldville during the meetings of the tripartite commission established at the request of the Congolese Government, and composed of representatives of the Congolese Government, the Belgian Government and the United Nations, to determine the procedure for the take-over/return of the Kamina and Bas-Congo bases.

The exchange of letters which took place in August-September 1960 between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations dealt with the taking over of those bases by the United Nations. The Secretary-General's letter of 28 August 1960 and the reply of the Permanent Representative of Belgium dated 2 September 1960 stated that it was a provisional measure based on the mandate received from the Security Council and necessary in order to carry out the United Nations programme of assistance to the Congo.

Taking note of the intention repeatedly expressed by the United Nations to relinquish the temporary administration of the bases so that they might once again be placed at the disposal of the Congolese Government, the Belgian Government, acting within the framework of the meetings of the tripartite commission, has concluded an agreement with the Congolese Government and proceeded to an exchange with that Government of letters, copies of which are enclosed herewith, concerning the said bases.

These bases, which had been handed over to Belgium by the United Nations, have been simultaneously returned to the Congolese Government in the state described in the enclosed document, which was drawn up following the visit made to the spot by the delegations of the United Nations, the Republic of the Congo and the Kingdom of Belgium.

¹ Came into force on 20 March 1964 by the exchange of the said letters.