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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
PORTUGAL**

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at Lisbon, on 7 April 1964**

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
PORTUGAL**

**Convention relative à la construction d'une liaison ferro-
viaire entre le Souaziland et le Mozambique. Signée à
Lisbonne, le 7 avril 1964**

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No. 7830. CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PORTUGAL RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONNECTING RAILWAYS BETWEEN SWAZILAND AND MOZAMBIQUE. SIGNED AT LISBON, ON 7 APRIL 1964

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Government of the United Kingdom") and the Government of the Republic of Portugal (hereinafter referred to as "the Portuguese Government");

Desiring to co-operate fully with a view to the development of the resources of Swaziland and Mozambique;

Considering that the construction of connecting railways between Swaziland and Mozambique and the maintenance of adequate facilities over such railways and at the Port of Lourenço Marques will contribute to that end;

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

The Government of the United Kingdom and the Portuguese Government shall encourage, each in their respective spheres, the use of the Port of Lourenço Marques for traffic between Swaziland and territories overseas for which that Port is the natural outlet or inlet.

Article II

(1) The Portuguese Government shall extend the existing railway between Lourenço Marques and Goba to the frontier with Swaziland (the said railway as so extended being, in this Article, referred to as "the railway") to a point to be determined by agreement between the Swaziland Railway Board and the Administration of the Caminhos de Ferro de Moçambique (hereinafter jointly referred to as "The Railway Administrations"), the work to be done within the times and in accordance with a programme of construction, including the provision of the necessary equipment, to be agreed between the Railway Administrations.

¹ Came into force on 7 April 1964, upon signature, in accordance with article XII.

(2) The Portuguese Government shall maintain the railway in a state of efficiency adequate to meet the requirements of the traffic proceeding to and from Swaziland.

(3) The Portuguese Government shall from time to time effect on the railway the technical improvements they consider justified having regard to the minimum amount of traffic expected to and from Swaziland in accordance with the estimates of traffic provided by the Swaziland Railway Board under Article V of this Convention.

(4) The Portuguese Government shall from time to time execute such further works, acquire such additional equipment and introduce such further technical improvements, as may be needed to meet the requirements of traffic in excess of the traffic estimated in accordance with Article V, provided that reasonable notice is given by the Swaziland Railway Board of such requirements, and that they do not involve an appreciable alteration in the economic structure of the operation of the railway.

(5) The Portuguese Government shall maintain the Port of Lourenço Marques in a state of efficiency adequate to meet the requirements of the traffic to and from Swaziland, and for this purpose they will from time to time introduce such improvements, including dredging of the harbour, as, having regard to prevailing circumstances, they consider advisable.

Article III

(1) The Government of the United Kingdom shall secure the construction by the Swaziland Railway Board of a railway (hereinafter referred to as "the new railway") from the point on the frontier with Mozambique to be determined as provided in Article II (1) of this Convention to Ngwenya, within the times and in accordance with a programme of construction to be agreed between the Railway Administrations. To this end the equipment, particulars of which shall be agreed between the Railway Administrations, necessary for the technical and economic use and development of the new railway and for the expeditious handling of railway traffic, shall be acquired by the Board.

(2) The Swaziland Railway Board shall maintain the new railway in a state of efficiency adequate to meet the requirements of the traffic proceeding to and from Mozambique.

(3) The Swaziland Railway Board shall from time to time effect on the new railway the technical improvements they consider justified having regard to the minimum amount of traffic expected to and from Swaziland in accordance with the estimates of traffic provided by the Board under Article V of this Convention.