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and
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et
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**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'utilisation
de vaisseaux sous le contrôle du Royaume-Uni imma-
triculés au Libéria. Monrovia, 16 février et 17 mars 1989**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA CONCERNING THE USE OF UNITED KINGDOM CONTROLLED SHIPS REGISTERED IN LIBERIA

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*The Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia
to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Monrovia*

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MONROVIA

16 February 1989

Your Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions between our two Governments concerning the use of United Kingdom controlled ships registered in Liberia and to make the following proposals:

The Minister responsible for merchant shipping in the Republic of Liberia, shall whenever requested by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, waive the exercise of the sovereign authority of Liberia over a Liberian vessel where the following circumstances exist:

- (a) The vessel is owned directly or indirectly by a person who is:
 - (i) A British citizen, a British Dependent Territories citizen, a British National (Overseas), a British Overseas citizen, or a British subject under the British Nationality Act 1981; or
 - (ii) A body incorporated or constituted under the law or any part of the United Kingdom or of any Territory for the international relations of which the United Kingdom is responsible; and
- (b) The property in the vessel is divided into shares whereof the greater parts are owned by persons described by sub-paragraph (a) above; and
- (c) There exists a state of war or other hostilities involving the United Kingdom or the threat of such war or other hostilities; and
- (d) There is in force in respect of the vessel a contract of commitment between the owner of the vessel and the competent authorities of the United Kingdom which has been approved by the Government of Liberia in accordance with the applicable Liberian legislation.

¹ Came into force on 17 March 1989, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.