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

**Agreement concerning the assumption of responsibility for
the protection of the diplomatic and consular interests of
the United Kingdom Government in the Islamic Republic
of Iran by the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden
(with annex). Signed at London on 27 July 1989**

Authentic text: English.

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

**Accord relatif à la prise en charge de la responsabilité de la
protection des intérêts diplomatiques et consulaires du
Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni en République islamique
d'Iran par le Gouvernement du Royaume de Suède
(avec annexe). Signé à Londres le 27 juillet 1989**

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le 23 novembre 1990.*

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN CONCERNING THE ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR INTERESTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden;

Noting that diplomatic and consular relations between the United Kingdom and the Islamic Republic of Iran have been severed;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

(1) Sweden undertakes to represent the United Kingdom as protecting power in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(2) The commission as protecting power comprises administrative, humanitarian and consular matters. If the commission is to be extended to cover other matters, a separate agreement to that effect is required.

(3) In dealing with protection matters, the protecting power may avoid taking action that could damage its position or good name in the receiving country, or in relation to any other country. In case of doubt in dealing with a matter, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm shall take the decision. This always applies to letters and other messages from the commissioning country to the receiving country.

ARTICLE 2

(1) An Interests Section for the commissioning country under the Swedish Ambassador shall be set up at the Swedish Embassy in Tehran. Staff employed at the Interests Section may on the one hand be Swedish officials, on the other locally engaged personnel of the commissioning country. The protecting power undertakes, where necessary, to obtain permission from the receiving country with regard to the employment of career officials sent out by the commissioning country.

(2) The Parties agree that diplomatic courier and secure telegraphic communications may not be established between the commissioning country and its Interests Section at the protecting power without the approval of the receiving country.

¹ Came into force on 27 July 1989 by signature, in accordance with article 9.

ARTICLE 3

The Department for the commission as protecting power at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (B Department) shall maintain contact with the commissioning country's representatives in Sweden in all matters relating to the commission. In appropriate cases direct communication may, with the consent of the protecting power, be maintained between the commissioning country and the Swedish Embassy in Tehran. However, the protecting power, shall be kept informed of the nature and extent of such contacts.

ARTICLE 4

(1) The premises taken into custody by the protecting power are listed in the annex to this Agreement. The Parties shall exchange information about the contents of the premises taken into custody.

(2) The protecting power is not under an obligation to accept care of the property of citizens of the commissioning power.

ARTICLE 5

(1) The protecting power shall take good care of the property received. If an official sent out by the commissioning country has taken the property into his care, the responsibility for it rests with him. The representatives of the protecting power shall assist him, if the official requests such assistance.

(2) If property belonging to the commissioning country is used by agreement between the Parties as a residence or office for a member of the staff connected with the mission of protection, no rent shall be charged, but the protecting power shall be responsible for the maintenance of the property. Other properties may be leased by the protecting power on terms to be agreed.

(3) Sale of property belonging to the commissioning country through the agency of the protecting power may not take place without the permission of the commissioning country.

ARTICLE 6

The commissioning country undertakes to reimburse the protecting power for all expenses incurred in the protection of its interests. B Department shall inform the commissioning country's Embassy in Stockholm of the amount.

ARTICLE 7

The bank deposits of the commissioning country in the name of the British Interests Section Tehran shall be transferred to special accounts in the Swedish Embassy's name.

ARTICLE 8

Disputes arising between the Parties to this Agreement relating to the commission as protecting power shall be settled by diplomatic means. If a settlement cannot be reached in that way, the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration according to a procedure agreed between the Parties.