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between the Government of the United
Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and
the Government of the French Republic regarding the

Exclusion of Syria from the Franc Area as defined in the Anglo-French Financial Agreement of 27th March, 1945

London, 8th–19th April, 1948

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to Parliament by Command of His Majesty*

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No. 1

*The French Ambassador to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs*

Ambassade de France,

M. le Secrétaire d'État,

Londres, le 8 avril 1948.

J'AI l'honneur de faire savoir à votre Excellence que le Gouvernement français a décidé, à la suite de pourparlers qui ont eu lieu entre les autorités françaises et syriennes, que la Syrie cesserait désormais de faire partie de la zone franc. Cette précision a fait l'objet de l'Avis No. 306 de l'Office des Changes, publié au *Journal Officiel* du 26 mars 1948.

Je serais reconnaissant à votre Excellence de vouloir bien en aviser la Trésorerie Britannique, en lui demandant de supprimer la Syrie de la liste des territoires compris dans la zone franc, liste figurant dans l'annexe à l'Accord financier franco-britannique du 27 mars 1945.⁽¹⁾ Il y a lieu, par contre, d'y maintenir le Liban, mentionné sur cette liste à la même ligne que la Syrie.

Je saisis, &c.

(Ss.) R. MASSIGLI.

No. 2

*His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the
French Ambassador*

Your Excellency,

16th April, 1948

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's note of 8th April, in which you informed me that the Government of the French Republic had decided that Syria would in future cease to form part of the franc area and requested that the Treasury might be notified of this decision, in order that the Financial Agreement of 27th March, 1945, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic might be amended so as to exclude Syria, with effect from 26th March, 1948, from the list of territories comprising the franc area as set out in the annex to this agreement, while continuing to include therein the Lebanon.

2. I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are in agreement with this proposal for the amendment of Article 9 of the annex to the Financial Agreement of 27th March, 1945, and suggest that your note of 8th April and the present reply shall be held

⁽¹⁾ "France, No. 1 (1945)," Cmd. 6613.

to constitute an agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, on the one hand, and the Government of the French Republic on the other, which shall take effect as from 26th March, 1948. I have the honour to invite you to confirm that this proposal is agreeable to your Government.

I have, &c.
(Sd.) ERNEST BEVIN.

No. 3

*The French Ambassador to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs*

Ambassade de France,

M. le Secrétaire d'État,

Londres, le 19 avril 1948.

J'AI l'honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre en date du 16 avril 1948 par laquelle votre Excellence a proposé que la note de cette Ambassade en date du 8 avril relative à l'exclusion de la Syrie des territoires compris dans la zone franc à compter du 26 mars 1948 et la réponse du Foreign Office à cette communication en date du 16 avril soient considérées comme constituant un accord entre le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté dans le Royaume-Uni et le Gouvernement de la République française modifiant l'article 9 de l'annexe à l'Accord financier franco-britannique du 27 mars 1945.

J'ai l'honneur de faire savoir à votre Excellence que sa proposition recueille l'accord du Gouvernement français.

Je saisis, &c.
(Ss.) R. MASSIGLI.

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