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

London, 12th April-17th May, 1949

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by Command of His Majesty*

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC REGARDING THE EXCLUSION OF THE FRENCH SOMALI COAST FROM THE FRANC AREA AS DEFINED IN THE ANGLO-FRENCH FINANCIAL AGREEMENT OF 27th MARCH, 1945

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No. 1

*The French Ambassador to the Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs*

Ambassade de France à Londres,

M. le Secrétaire d'Etat, *le 12 avril 1949.*

J'AI l'honneur de faire savoir à votre Excellence que le Gouvernement français a décidé que la Côte Française des Somalis cesserait désormais de faire partie de la zone franc. Cette précision a fait l'objet de l'Avis No. 382 de l'Office des Changes, publié au *Journal Officiel* du 20 mars 1949.

Je serais reconnaissant à votre Excellence de bien vouloir en aviser la Trésorerie Britannique, en lui demandant de supprimer la Côte des Somalis 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⁾.

Je saisis, &c.

(Ss.) R. MASSIGLI.

No. 2

*The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the
French Ambassador in London*

Your Excellency, *Foreign Office, 9th May, 1949.*

I HAVE the honour to refer to your note of 12th April, in which your Excellency informed me that the Government of the French Republic had decided that the French Somali Coast would in future cease to form part of the franc area, and requested that His Majesty's Treasury might be notified of this decision, in order that the Financial Agreement of the 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 the French Somali Coast, with effect from the 20th March, 1949, from the list of territories comprising the franc area as set out in the annex of that agreement.

2. I am happy to be able to inform you that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are in agreement with this proposal for the amendment of Article IX of the Annex to the Financial Agreement of 27th March, 1945, and suggest that your Excellency's note of 12th April and the present reply

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

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shall be held 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 20th March, 1949. 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 the Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs*

Ambassade de France à Londres,

M. le Secrétaire d'Etat,

le 17 mai 1949.

J'ai l'honneur de faire savoir à votre Excellence, en me référant à sa lettre du 9 de ce mois, que le Gouvernement français est d'accord pour considérer que ma lettre du 12 avril 1949 et la réponse de votre Excellence du 9 mai suivant constituent accord entre nos deux Gouvernements portant modification, à compter du 20 mars 1949, de l'article IX de l'Annexe à l'Accord Financier franco-britannique du 27 mars 1945.

Je saisis, &c.

(Ss.) R. MASSIGLI.

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