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# Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Government of Ethiopia

extending the period of the operations of  
the Mixed Commission to demarcate the  
boundary between Kenya and Ethiopia

Addis Ababa, March 22/April 11, 1955

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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE MIXED COMMISSION TO DEMARCATÉ THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN KENYA AND ETHIOPIA**

*Addis Ababa, March 22/April 11, 1955*

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Addis Ababa to the Ethiopian Minister for Foreign Affairs*

*British Embassy,*

Your Excellency,

*Addis Ababa, March 22, 1955.*

I have the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes between Mr. Lascelles and his Excellency Zaude Gabre Heywot which took place at Addis Ababa on the 3rd July, 1950,<sup>(1)</sup> for the appointment of a Mixed Commission to demarcate the boundary between Kenya and Ethiopia, and to the Exchange of Notes between myself and your Excellency which took place at Addis Ababa on the 15th December, 1953, and the 11th January, 1954,<sup>(2)</sup> extending the period of operations of the Mixed Commission on the 1st April, 1955.

2. Since the Commission will be unable to complete its task by the 1st April, 1955, I have the honour, upon instructions from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to propose that the period of the Mixed Commission's operations be further extended from the 1st April, 1955, to the 1st April, 1956, or to any earlier date upon which the Mixed Commission may conclude their work, and that the other provisions of the Exchange of Notes of the 3rd July, 1950, shall continue to apply as the Mixed Commission's terms of reference during that period.

3. If the Imperial Ethiopian Government are prepared to accept the foregoing proposal, I have the honour to propose that the present Note and your Excellency's reply to that effect should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Imperial Ethiopian Government, which shall take effect on the 1st April, 1955.

I avail, &c.

D. L. BUSK.

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No. 2

*The Ethiopian Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Addis Ababa*

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs,*

Your Excellency,

*Addis Ababa, 11th April, 1955.*

I have the honour to refer to your Note of 22nd March, 1955, proposing the further modification of the Exchange of Notes of 3rd July, 1950, concerning the demarcation of the boundary between Ethiopia and Kenya.

(1) "Treaty Series No. 18 (1951)," Cmd. 8173.

(2) "Treaty Series No. 18 (1954)," Cmd. 9087.

The Imperial Ethiopian Government are agreeable to the proposal as formulated in the second paragraph of the Note under reference that, pursuant to paragraph 2 (xxii) of the Exchange of Notes of 3rd July, 1950, the period of Mixed Operations shall be extended from 1st April 1955, to 1st April, 1956, or to any earlier date upon which the Mixed Commission may conclude their work, and that the other provisions of the aforesaid Exchange of Notes shall continue to apply as the Mixed Commission's terms of reference during that period.

Accordingly, I have the honour to agree that the Note under reference and the present Note shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments which shall take effect from 1st April, 1955.

I avail, &c.

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