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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 Republic of Vanuatu
constituting the Overseas Service Aid
(Vanuatu) Agreement 1981

Port Vila 19 February/16 March 1981

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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 REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
CONSTITUTING THE OVERSEAS SERVICE AID (VANUATU)
AGREEMENT 1981**

No. 1

*The United Kingdom High Commissioner at Port Vila
to the Prime Minister of Vanuatu*

*British High Commission
Port Vila*

19 February 1981

Sir,

Overseas Service Aid (Vanuatu) Agreement 1981

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement made on 25 October 1978⁽¹⁾ between Her Britannic Majesty's Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides for and on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Chief Minister of the New Hebrides Government concerning the Overseas Service Aid Scheme for Officers serving in the Public Service of the New Hebrides and to propose that that Agreement be terminated and replaced by the following:

1. The Government of the United Kingdom shall make the payments and meet the costs specified in this Agreement to or in respect of officers serving in the Public Service of the Government of Vanuatu who are designated by the Government of the United Kingdom in accordance with this Agreement (such officers being hereinafter referred to as "designated officers".)

2. The Government of the United Kingdom shall on behalf of the Government of Vanuatu pay direct to each designated officer serving on contract terms:—

- (a) a salary supplement at such rate as may be specified from time to time by the Government of the United Kingdom;
- (b) any education allowance for which such designated officer may be eligible under such terms and conditions and in respect of any such child and at such rates as may be specified from time to time by the Government of the United Kingdom.
- (c) any appointment grant for which the officer may be eligible on such terms and conditions and at such rates as may be specified from time to time by the Government of the United Kingdom.

⁽¹⁾ Not published.

3. The Government of the United Kingdom shall meet the cost of passages provided for designated officers and their dependent families (including the cost of holiday passages for the children of the designated officers, that is to say, passages to enable children to visit their parents in Vanuatu) on such terms and conditions and occasions and in respect of such children and at such rates and by such classes of accommodation as may be specified from time to time by the Government of the United Kingdom.

4. The allowances and grant payable direct to a designated officer by the Government of the United Kingdom in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall be paid into an account at a bank nominated by the officer situated in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland, or such other country as may be agreed by the Government of the United Kingdom.

5. The allowance and grant paid direct by the Government of the United Kingdom to a designated officer in respect of duties performed by him as an officer in the Public Service shall be exempt from the payment of income tax under any law in force in Vanuatu.

6. An officer shall be designated for such period as may be specified in the designation; and the designation may provide that an officer shall cease to be designated on the happening of a specified event or at the discretion of the Government of the United Kingdom.

7. In the event of a designated officer being seconded from the employment of the Government of Vanuatu without the concurrence of the Government of the United Kingdom, the Government of Vanuatu shall, if requested to do so by the Government of the United Kingdom, pay the Government of the United Kingdom a sum equal to the total cost of the reimbursements and payments made by the Government of the United Kingdom in respect of that officer while so seconded.

8. The Government of Vanuatu shall provide the Government of the United Kingdom with such information as that Government may require in connection with the operation of this Agreement.

9. The Government of Vanuatu shall promptly inform the Government of the United Kingdom of any event which might affect the eligibility of a designated officer under this Agreement to receive payments from the Government of the United Kingdom.

10. The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Vanuatu shall hold periodic reviews of the requirements that the Government of Vanuatu may have as regards the employment of designated officers in its Public Service so that the Government of the United Kingdom may determine the classes and numbers of officers whom the Government of the United Kingdom is prepared to designate. During such reviews the Government of Vanuatu shall provide the Government of the United Kingdom with such information as that Government may require in order to calculate the amounts payable by that Government and the number of officers to be designated.

11. This Agreement shall terminate, unless some other date is agreed between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Vanuatu, on 31 March 1986.

If these proposals are acceptable to the Government of Vanuatu, I have the honour to suggest that this Note and your reply in that sense shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply and which shall be cited as the Overseas Service Aid (Vanuatu) Agreement 1981.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

WILLIAM ASHFORD

No. 2

*The Prime Minister of Vanuatu to the United Kingdom High Commissioner
at Port Vila*

Office of the Prime Minister

16 March 1981

My dear High Commissioner,

Overseas Service Aid (Vanuatu) Agreement 1981

I have the honour to acknowledge and thank you for your Excellency's Note of 19 February 1981 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu who therefore agree that your Note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force today and which shall be cited as the Overseas Service Aid (Vanuatu) Agreement 1981.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely
W. HAYDE LINI

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