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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 Ireland

concerning the Agreement between the two
Governments providing for the Reciprocal
Recognition and Enforcement of Maintenance
Orders, signed at London on 9 December 1974

London, 26 May 1988

[The Agreement entered into force on 26 May 1988]

*Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
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UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND CONCERNING
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PROVIDING FOR THE RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION
AND ENFORCEMENT OF MAINTENANCE ORDERS,
SIGNED AT LONDON ON 9 DECEMBER 1974**

No. 1

*The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to the
Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland*

*Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London
26 May 1988*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ireland providing for the Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Maintenance Orders signed at London on 9 December 1974¹ (which, for the purposes of this Note, is referred to as "the 1974 Agreement"), and to recent discussions between the Home Office of the United Kingdom and the Department of Justice of the Republic of Ireland, concerning the need to continue in force the 1974 Agreement after the entry into force for the Republic of Ireland of the Convention signed at Brussels on 27 September 1968² on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgements on Civil and Commercial Matters, as amended by the Convention signed at Luxembourg on 9 October 1978² on the accession to the 1968 Convention of Denmark, the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom (which, for the purposes of this Note, is referred to as "the 1968 Convention").

I now have the honour to propose that notwithstanding the provisions of Article 20 of the 1974 Agreement, the 1974 Agreement (with the exception of Article 20) shall continue to have effect on and after 1 June 1988 (being the date when the 1968 Convention enters into force for the Republic of Ireland).

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Ireland I have the honour to propose that this Note and your reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on 26 May 1988, and which may be terminated by either Government giving one month's written notice to the other, and upon the termination of which the 1974 Agreement shall cease to have effect.

I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration (for the Secretary of State)

P V ROLLITT

¹ Treaty Series No. 97 (1975), Cmnd. 6116.

² Treaty Series No. 10 (1988), Cm 306.

*The Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland to the Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*

*Irish Embassy
London*

26 May 1988

Sir

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between our two Governments providing for the Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Maintenance Orders signed at London on 9 December 1974 (which for the purpose of this Note is referred to as "the 1974 Agreement") and the need to preserve this Agreement after the entry into force for Ireland of the Convention signed at Brussels on 27 September 1968 on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, as amended by the Convention signed at Luxembourg on 9 October 1978 on the accession to the 1968 Convention of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom (which for the purpose of this Note is referred to as "the 1968 Convention").

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Ireland confirms that notwithstanding the provisions of Article 20 of the 1974 Agreement, the 1974 Agreement (with the exception of Article 20) shall continue to have effect on and after 1 June 1988.

The Government of Ireland also confirms that this Note, together with your Note in similar terms of 26 May 1988, constitutes an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force today and which may be terminated by either Government giving one month's written notice to the other, and upon the termination of which the 1974 Agreement shall cease to have effect.

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

ANDREW O'ROURKE