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# Exchange of Notes amending the Agreement

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the International Maritime Organization (previously known as  
the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization)  
regarding the Headquarters of the Organization

London, 19 August and 23 October 1997

[The Exchange of Notes entered into force on 1 August 1999]

*Presented to Parliament  
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
by Command of Her Majesty  
March 2000*

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES AMENDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND  
NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME  
ORGANIZATION (previously known as the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative  
Organization) REGARDING THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION**

No. 1

*The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to the Secretary General of  
the International Maritime Organization*

*Foreign and Commonwealth Office,  
London*

*19 August 1997*

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Maritime Organization (previously known as the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization) regarding the Headquarters of the Organization, signed at London on 28 November 1968<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement").

I now have the honour to propose the following amendments to the Agreement:

(1) In Article 1(c) delete "Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization" and replace with "International Maritime Organization".

(2) After Article 9 insert a new Article as follows:

*Article 9 bis*

"The Organization shall be accorded a refund of Insurance Premium Tax and Air Passenger Duty paid by the Organization in the exercise of its official activities."

(3) In Article 10(1)(c) delete "municipal rates levied on" and insert "council tax payable in respect of".

(4) In Article 10(4) delete "The municipal rates" and insert "The council tax".

(5) In Article 13 *bis* (2)(a) delete "and municipal rates" and insert "including council tax".

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the International Maritime Organization, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with your reply in that sense, shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Maritime Organization which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to the amendment comes into force.

**R S GORHAM**  
(for the Secretary of State)

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<sup>1</sup>Treaty Series No. 18 (1969) Cmnd 3964.

No. 2

*The Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization to the Secretary of State  
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*

*London*

*23 October 1997*

I have the honour to refer to your Note of 19 August 1997 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the International Maritime Organization, which therefore agrees that the Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the Organization and your Government which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to the amendments comes into force.

I have the honour to convey to you Sir the assurances of my highest consideration.

W A O'NEIL

