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(1.)

The Italian Ambassador to Sir E. Grey.

Signor Ministro, Londra, 31 Gennaio, 1914.

In risposta alla nota dell'Eccellenza Vostra del 17 Gennaio, ho l'onore di comunicarle che anche il Regio Governo è disposto a rinnovare per cinque anni, dalla data della sua scadenza, la Convenzione d'Arbitrato conclusa fra esso ed il Governo di Sua Maestà Britannica il 1° Febbraio, 1904, e rinnovata a mezzo di scambio di note fra il mio predecessore e Vostra Eccellenza il 4 Gennaio, 1909.

Qualora questo modo di procedere convenga a Vostra Eccellenza, resterà inteso che la presente nota e la risposta che Vostra Eccellenza vorrà farmi tenere, serviranno a constatare l'intesa intervenuta

fra i nostri due Governi.

Voglia gradire, &c.

IMPERIALI.

(Translation.)

Sir, London, January 31, 1914.

In reply to Your Excellency's note of the 17th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Italian Government are also prepared to renew for five years, from the date of its expiry, the Arbitration Agreement concluded between the Italian and British Governments on the 1st February, 1904, and renewed by means of an exchange of notes between my predecessor and Your Excellency on the 4th January, 1909.*

If this manner of procedure is agreeable to Your Excellency, it will be understood that the present note and your reply constitute the agreement arrived at between our two Governments.

I have, &c.

IMPERIALI.

^{*} See "Treaty Series, No. 2 (1909)."

Sir E. Grey to the Italian Ambassador.

Your Excellency, Foreign Office, January 31, 1914.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of this day's date, informing me that the Italian Government are prepared to renew, for a further period of five years, the Arbitration Agreement concluded between the Governments of Great Britain and Italy on the 1st February, 1904, and renewed by the exchange of notes of the 4th January, 1909, on the understanding that His Majesty's Government are equally prepared to agree to such further renewal.

I have the honour to accept, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the proposal of the Italian Government that the Agreement in question should be renewed for a further period of five years from the 1st proximo, and the present exchange of notes between your Excellency and myself is accordingly regarded by them as placing upon record the understanding arrived at between our respective Governments in the matter.

I have, &c. E. GREY