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# Exchange of Notes concerning the Termination of Special Treaty Relations

between the

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the State of Bahrain and its Dependencies

Bahrain, 15 August 1971

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### EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONCERNING THE TERMINATION OF SPECIAL TREATY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE STATE OF BAHRAIN AND ITS DEPENDENCIES

#### No. 1

Her Majesty's Political Resident at Bahrain to His Highness the Ruler of Bahrain and its Dependencies

> British Residency, Bahrain. 15 August, 1971.

Your Highness,

15 August, 1971. which have taken place

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place between Your Highness and myself concerning the termination of the special treaty relations between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the State of Bahrain and its Dependencies and to the desire of Your Highness's Government that the State of Bahrain should resume full international responsibility as a sovereign and independent State. On behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom I now propose that:

- (1) The special treaty relations between the United Kingdom and the State of Bahrain, which are inconsistent with full international responsibility as a sovereign and independent State, shall terminate with effect from today's date.
- (2) The exclusive agreements of 22 December 1880 and of 13 March 1892 and all other agreements, engagements, undertakings and arrangements between the United Kingdom and the State of Bahrain flowing from the special treaty relations between the two States shall terminate with effect from the same date.
- (3) The relations between the United Kingdom and the State of Bahrain shall continue to be governed by a spirit of close friendship and co-operation, and to this end a treaty of friendship concerning the future relations between the two States shall be signed.(1)

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to Your Highness's Government, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your Highness's reply to that effect, shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on today's date.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Highness the assurances of my highest consideration.

#### **GEOFFREY ARTHUR**

Her Britannic Majesty's Political Resident

(1) See Treaty Series No. 79 (1971), Cmnd. 4828.

No. 2

His Highness the Ruler of Bahrain and its Dependencies to Her Majesty's Political Resident at Bahrain

و يسرنى أن أو'كــد أن الفقرحات الببينة فى مذكــرة ســمادتكم هى مقبولة لــــدى حكومتى و أن مذكــرة ســمادتكم وجوابى صليهــا يشكلان معــا اتفاقيــة بين الحكومتـــــين يســرى مفعولهــا اعتبارا من تاريــخ هـــذا اليـــم •

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صاحب السبعادة ،

اسى الشرف بأن اشــير الى مذكرة سعادتكم العوّرخة فى هذا اليوم و التى تقـــــرأ كسا يلــــى ه

ماحب العظمة ،

- (۱) انها مغمول العلاقات التعاهدية الخاصة المبرمة بين المملكة المتحدة و دولة البعرين،
  (۱) انكونها تتنافى و مسئولية دولة البحسرين الدولية الكاملية كدولية ذات سيادة وسنتلة
  و ذلك اعتبارا من تاريبغ حسدًا اليسوم
  - (٢) ابطال مغمول الاتفاقات الخاصة المعقودة فى ٢٢ ديسمبر عام ١٨٨٠ و ١٣ مسارس ١٨٩٢ وغيرها من الاتفاقات و الارتباطات و التعهدات و الترتيبات القائسة بسين الملكة المتحسدة و دولة البحسرين و الناتجة عن العلاقات التعاهدية الخاصة بين الدولتين و ذلك اعتبارا من تاريخ اليسم نفسه ٠
  - (٣) أن تستمر العلاقات بين الملكة المتحسدة و دولة البحسرين مسيرة بروح الصداقسة الوطيدة و التعاون - و لتحقيق ذلك تيم معاهدة صداقة تنظم العلاقسات بسسين الدولتين في المستقبسل ٠

اذا كانت الافتراحات المذكورة آنفا مقبولة من قبل حكومة مطبتكم ، فلى الشسوف أن أفتر أن تعتبر هذه المذكرة وجواب عظبتكم بالموافقة عليها انهما تشكلان معا اتفاقيسة بيين الحكومتين في هذا الموضوع، يسسرى معمولها اعتبارا من تاريخ هذا اليسم . و انفى أنتهسز هذه الغرصة لاجدد لعظبتكم تأكيداتى لكم بأسمى مشاعر التقديسر . [Translation of No. 2]

Your Excellency.

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note of to-day's date which reads as follows:

#### [As in No. 1]

I have the honour to confirm that the proposals in Your Excellency's Note are acceptable to my Government and that Your Excellency's Note and this reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on to-day's date.

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

ISA BIN SULMAN AL-KHALIFAH Ruler of Bahrain and its Dependencies.

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