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# Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the World Health Organization  
regarding the Application in the  
United Kingdom of Section 10 of the  
Convention on the Privileges and  
Immunities of the Specialized Agencies  
of the United Nations  
of 21 November 1947

Geneva, 12 July/13 August 1974

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION REGARDING  
THE APPLICATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF SECTION 10  
OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PRIVILEGES AND  
IMMUNITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS OF 21 NOVEMBER 1947**

No. 1

*The United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the Office of the  
United Nations and other International Organisations at Geneva to the  
Director-General of the World Health Organization*

*United Kingdom Mission,  
Geneva.*

*12 July 1974*

Sir,

I refer to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialised Agencies<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular to Section 10 of the Convention, in view of alterations in the tax system of the United Kingdom.

I now propose that Section 10 should be interpreted and applied in the United Kingdom so as to accord the World Health Organisation a refund of car tax and value added tax on the purchase of new motor cars of United Kingdom manufacture, and of value added tax paid on the supply of goods or services necessary for its official activities and which are supplied on a recurring basis or involve considerable quantities of goods or considerable expenditure.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the World Health Organisation I 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 World Health Organisation which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to the Agreement comes into operation, which date will be notified to the World Health Organisation.<sup>(2)</sup>

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

D. H. T. HILDYARD

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<sup>(1)</sup> Treaty Series No. 69 (1959), Cmnd. 855.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Agreement entered into force on 24 July 1975.

No. 2

*The Director-General of the World Health Organization to the United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organisations at Geneva*

*World Health Organization,  
Geneva.*

*13 August 1974*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note of 12 July 1974 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the World Health Organization, who therefore agree that Your Excellency's Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the Organization and the Government of the United Kingdom which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to the Agreement comes into operation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. MAHLER

*Director-General*