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Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Inter-American Development Bank
concerning Certain Exemptions from
Duties of Customs or Excise

Washington, 20 May 1980

[The Agreement entered into force on 20 December 1984]

*Presented to Parliament
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
INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK CONCERNING
CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM DUTIES OF CUSTOMS OR
EXCISE**

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the President of the
Inter-American Development Bank*

*British Embassy
Washington
20 May 1980*

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement establishing the Inter-American Development Bank, done at Washington DC on 8 April 1959, as amended⁽¹⁾, which was accepted on 9 July 1976 by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Discussions have taken place between representatives of the Inter-American Development Bank and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning certain exemptions from duties of customs or excise, and I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude an agreement in the following terms:

Staff members of the Inter-American Development Bank at the time of first taking up their post in the United Kingdom shall enjoy exemption from duties (whether of customs or excise) and other such charges (except payments for services) in respect of import of their furniture and personal effects (including one motor car each) in their ownership or possession or already ordered by them and intended for their personal use or for their establishment. Such goods shall normally be imported within three months of the first entry of the staff member into the United Kingdom; an extension of this period will however be granted where justified. If staff members on the termination of their functions export goods to which this paragraph applies, they shall be exempt from any duty or other charge which may be imposed by reason of such export (except payments for services). The privileges referred to in this paragraph shall be subject to the conditions governing the disposal of goods imported into the United Kingdom free of duty and to the general restrictions applied in the United Kingdom to all imports and exports. The exceptions do not apply to citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies, nor to permanent residents of the United Kingdom.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Inter-American Development Bank, 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 Inter-American Development Bank which shall enter into force on the date on which

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series No. 12 (1980), Cmnd. 7792.

the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to this Agreement comes into operation, which date shall be notified to the Inter-American Development Bank⁽²⁾. I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

NICHOLAS HENDERSON

No. 2

*The President of the Inter-American Development Bank to Her Majesty's
Ambassador at Washington*

*Washington
May 20 1980*

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note of May 20, 1980 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1.]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Inter-American Development Bank, who therefore agree that Your Excellency's Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the Inter-American Development Bank and the Government of the United Kingdom which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to this Agreement comes into operation.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

ANTONIO ORTIZ MENA

⁽²⁾ The Agreement came into force on 20 December 1984.