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Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the Lebanese Republic
concerning the Deployment of
the British Component of the
Multi-National Force in Lebanon
for a further period

Beirut, 7 August 1983

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CONCERNING THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE
BRITISH COMPONENT OF THE MULTI-NATIONAL FORCE
IN LEBANON FOR A FURTHER PERIOD

No. 1

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lebanon to the British Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at Beirut

Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et des Libanais d'Outre-Mer Beirut

7 August 1983

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to further discussions that have recently taken place between Representatives of our two Governments concerning the Multi-National Force (MNF) in the Beirut area. It is now proposed that notwithstanding the expiration of the period of three months referred to in my letter of 8 May 1983(¹) the British Component of the MNF shall continue to be deployed for a further limited period on the terms and conditions set out in my letter of 31 January 1983(²). Without prejudice to these terms and conditions, it is my understanding that before deciding a date for the final withdrawal of the British Component, the British Government would, in the normal course of events, consult the Government of the Lebanon. If the foregoing is acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, I have the honour to propose that Your Excellency's reply to that effect together with this Note shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall come into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Please accept Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

ELIE A. SALEM

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series No. 40 (1983), Cmnd. 8982.

⁽²⁾ Treaty Series No. 9 (1983), Cmnd. 8823.

The British Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at Beirut to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lebanon

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note of the 7th of August 1983, requesting the continued deployment of the British Component to the MNF in the Beirut area for a further limited period, in the following terms.

[As in No. 1]

I am pleased to inform you that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is prepared to continue to deploy the British Component of the MNF for a further limited period in the Beirut area, on the terms and conditions set out in Your Excellency's letter of 31 January 1983.

I therefore wish to inform Your Excellency that it is agreed that Your Excellency's Note and this reply constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall come into force today.

R. E. PALMER

British Embassy Beirut 7 August 1983