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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 Kingdom of the Netherlands

concerning the Status of Personnel seconded to the European Drugs Unit in The Hague

London, 30 November 1994 and 27 January 1995

[The Agreement entered into force on 15 February 1995]

Exchange of Notes

extending the Agreement for an indefinite period

London, 6 and 14 February 1996

[The Exchange of Notes entered into force on 14 February 1996]

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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 GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF PERSONNEL SECONDED TO THE EUROPEAN DRUGS UNIT IN THE HAGUE

No. 1

The Royal Netherlands Embassy, London to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

*Royal Netherlands Embassy
London
30 November 1994*

No. PA-78441

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and with reference to the Ministerial agreement establishing the Europol Drugs Unit, adopted by the TREVI Ministers during their meeting in Copenhagen on 1 and 2 June 1993, and to the decision of the European Council of 29 October 1993 that Europol should have its seat in The Hague, and pending the establishment of Europol by treaty, has the honour to propose the following on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

1. Liaison officers and other members of staff who are employed at the Europol Drugs Unit in The Hague on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under the afore-mentioned Ministerial Agreement and who settle in the Netherlands for that reason, and members of their family who form part of their household and who do not possess Dutch nationality, shall enjoy the privileges and immunities in and vis-à-vis the Kingdom of the Netherlands that accrue to members of the administrative and technical staff of diplomatic missions established in the Netherlands under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961¹, except that the immunities shall not extend to damage caused by a vehicle or other means of transport belonging to or driven by them, nor to traffic offenses and that the immunity from criminal jurisdiction shall not extend to acts performed outside the course of their duties.
2. The obligations of Sending States and their personnel that apply under the Vienna Convention to members of the administrative and technical staff of diplomatic missions established in the Netherlands shall apply to the persons referred to at 1.
3. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall, upon request, supply the person referred to at 1. with an identity card showing their status.

The Embassy proposes that this note and the affirmative note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs together shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland which shall enter into force on the fifteenth day after the date of receipt of the affirmative note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and which shall remain in force for one year while, in case at the end of this term a treaty concerning the establishment of Europol is not in force, a further exchange of notes to prolong the agreement may be concluded.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the assurance of this highest consideration.

¹Miscellaneous Series No. 006 (1961) Cmnd 1368.

No. 2

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office to the Royal Netherlands Embassy, London

*Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London*

27 January 1995

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office present their compliments to the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and has the honour to confirm receipt of the Embassy's note PA-78941 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has the honour to inform the Embassy that the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and therefore to agree that the note of the Embassy and this affirmative note constitute an Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland which shall enter into force on the fifteenth day after the date of receipt by the Embassy of this note and which shall remain in force for one year while, in case at the end of this term a treaty concerning the establishment of Europol is not in force, a further exchange of notes to prolong the agreement may be concluded.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF PERSONNEL SECONDED TO THE EUROPEAN DRUGS UNIT IN THE HAGUE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD

No. 1

The Royal Netherlands Embassy, London to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

*Royal Netherlands Embassy
London
6 February 1996*

The Royal Netherlands Embassy presents its compliments to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and with reference to the Embassy's Note No PA-78441 of 30 November 1994 concerning the Agreement governing the status of personnel seconded to the European Drugs Unit in The Hague and the Note of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, No. FCO/WED/1/95 of 27 January 1995, has the honour to propose on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that the said Agreement, which is formed by aforesaid Notes, shall be extended from 16 February 1996 for an indefinite period.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Embassy proposes that this note and the affirmative note of the Ministry together shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland which shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the affirmative note of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The Royal Netherlands Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the assurances of its highest consideration.

No. 2

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office to the Royal Netherlands Embassy, London

*Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London
14 February 1996*

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Royal Netherlands Embassy and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Embassy's Note of 6 February 1996, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has the honour to inform the Embassy that the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and therefore to agree that the Note of the Embassy and this affirmative Note constitute an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands which shall enter into force on the date of receipt of this Note.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Netherlands Embassy the assurance of its highest consideration.



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