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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 Russian Federation concerning Norwegian Contributions to United Kingdom Assistance for the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in the Russian Federation

Moscow, 18 December 2002 and 6 October 2003

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between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Russian Federation concerning support provided at Shchuch'ye and to the Russian Munitions Agency by the European Union through the United Kingdom Assistance Programme for the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in the Russian Federation

Moscow, 24 February 2003 and 6 October 2003

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*Presented to Parliament  
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
by Command of Her Majesty  
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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 RUSSIAN FEDERATION CONCERNING NORWEGIAN  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITED KINGDOM ASSISTANCE FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION IN  
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**No. 1**

*The British Embassy, Moscow to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation*

*Moscow  
8 December 2002*

Note No. 089

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honour to refer to Article 2, paragraph 3 of the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter “the United Kingdom Government”) on Provision by the United Kingdom of Assistance for the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction in the Russian Federation, done at London on 20 December 2001<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter “the Agreement”).

The British Embassy further has the honour to refer to the Memoranda of Understanding between the United Kingdom Government and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway regarding Assistance with the Destruction of Chemical Weapons in the Russian Federation, signed in The Hague on 6 December 2001 and in Moscow on 14 March 2002 respectively (hereinafter “the Memoranda of Understanding”) under which the Government of the Kingdom of Norway has provided grants of 9.2 million Kroner and 9.0 million Kroner respectively (hereinafter “the grants”) for infrastructure projects to support the chemical weapon destruction facility at Shchucy’ye, and in particular for the purchase of two 220/110/10kV electrical transformers and related equipment for the Shchuch’ye electrical substation.

The British Embassy has the honour to propose that the grants shall be used through the United Kingdom assistance programme pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 3 of the Agreement and that all the provisions of the Agreement shall apply, subject to the following matters:

- (a) the grants shall be additional to the allocation of up to £12M sterling referred to in Article 1, paragraph 2 of the Agreement;
- (b) the United Kingdom Government shall consult the Russian Munitions Agency if they decide with the Government of the Kingdom of Norway to carry out any projects at Shchuch’ye (or at other sites of chemical weapon destruction facilities) alternative or additional to the purchase of the electrical transformers referred to above;
- (c) the United Kingdom Government shall inform the Government of the Russian Federation of any substantive amendments to either of the Memoranda of Understanding.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Russian Federation, the British Embassy has the honour to propose that this Note and the Ministry’s reply to that effect should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry’s reply.

The British Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurance of its highest consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> Treaty Series No. 14 (2002) Cm 5485.

**No. 2**

*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation to the British Embassy, Moscow*

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
6 October 2003*

**Note number 7974**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents compliments to the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and has the honour to confirm the receipt of the note from the Embassy of 18 December 2002 number 089 which states the following:

**[As in No. 1]**

The Ministry on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation agrees that the verbal note of the British Side of 18 December 2002, number 089, and this responding note constitute an Agreement (which will enter into force upon the date of this responding note) between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on assistance of the Kingdom of Norway in destruction of chemical weapons in the Russian Federation, based on the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on UK Assistance in Implementation of the Convention on Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and its Destruction in the Russian Federation concluded in London on 20 December 2001.

The Ministry avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Embassy assurances of its high respect.

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED  
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION CONCERNING SUPPORT  
PROVIDED AT SHCHUCH'YE AND TO THE RUSSIAN MUNITIONS AGENCY  
BY THE EUROPEAN UNION THROUGH THE UNITED KINGDOM ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
CONVENTION IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**No. 1**

*The British Embassy, Moscow to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation*

*Moscow  
24 February 2003*

**Note No 009**

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honour to refer to Article 2, paragraph 3 of the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter “the United Kingdom Government”) on Provision by the United Kingdom of Assistance for the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction in the Russian Federation, done at London on 20 December 2001<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter “the Agreement”).

The British Embassy further has the honour to refer to the Financing Agreements between the United Kingdom Government and the European Community on implementation of European Union support for infrastructure building related to the destruction of nerve gases stored at the Shchuch'ye site and for the Russian Munitions Agency to fulfil the Russian Federation's responsibilities under the Chemical Weapons Convention under which Financing Agreements the European Community, represented by the Commission of the European Communities, has awarded financing contributions (hereinafter “the EU Contributions”) of a maximum of 2.1 million Euro for a project entitled “Electrical power supply to Shchuch'ye chemical weapons destruction site”, and of a maximum of 750 thousand Euro for a project entitled “Support for the Russian Ammunition Agency”.

The British Embassy has the honour to propose that the EU Contributions shall be used through the United Kingdom assistance programme pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 3 of the Agreement and that all the provisions of the Agreement shall apply, subject to the following matters:

- (a) the EU Contributions shall be additional to the allocation of up to £12M sterling referred to in Article 1, paragraph 2 of the Agreement;
- (b) the United Kingdom Government shall consult the Russian Munitions Agency if they decide with the European Commission to carry out any projects at Shchuch'ye (or at other sites of chemical weapon destruction facilities) alternative or additional to the electrical power supply project referred to above;
- (c) the United Kingdom Government shall inform the Government of the Russian Federation of any substantive amendments to the Financing Agreements.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Russian Federation, the British Embassy has the honour to propose that this Note and the Ministry's reply to that effect should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.

The British Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurance of its highest consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> Treaty Series No. 14 (2002) Cm 5485.

**No. 2**

*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation to the British Embassy, Moscow*

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
6 October 2003*

**Note number 7973**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents compliments to the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and has the honour to confirm the receipt of the note from the Embassy of 24 February 2003 number 009 which states the following:

**[As in No. 1]**

The Ministry on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation agrees that the verbal note of the British Side of 24 February 2003, number 009, and this responding note constitute an Agreement (which will enter into force upon the date of this responding note) between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on assistance of the European Union in destruction of chemical weapons in the Russian Federation, based on the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on UK Assistance in Implementation of the Convention on Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and its Destruction in the Russian Federation concluded in London on 20 December 2001.

The Ministry avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Embassy assurances of its high respect.





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