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between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands amending the Agreement of 6 October 1965 relating to the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf under the North Sea between the Two Countries as amended by the Protocol of 25 November 1971

The Hague, 28 January and 7 June 2004

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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 AMENDING THE AGREEMENT OF 6 OCTOBER 1965 RELATING TO THE DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF UNDER THE NORTH SEA BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 25 NOVEMBER 1971

No. 1

The British Ambassador at the Hague to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

The Hague 28 January 2004

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands relating to the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf under the North Sea between the two Countries, done at London on 6 October 1965,¹ as amended by the Protocol done at London on 25 November 1971² ("the Agreement").

In the light of the Treaty between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Kingdom of Belgium on the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf, done at Brussels on 18 December 1996, I have the honour to propose the following amendment to the Agreement:-

In Article 1 (1) of the Agreement, the entry relating to Point No. 1 shall be replaced by the following:-

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If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with Your Excellency's Reply, shall constitute an agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of the Netherlands which shall enter into force on the date of the later of the notifications by each State that the conditions for the entry into force of the Agreement have been fulfilled.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

COLIN BUDD

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¹ Treaty Series No. 23 (1967) Cmnd 3253

² Treaty Series No. 6 (1973) Cmnd 5193

No. 2

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands to the British Ambassador at the Hague

Ministry of Foreign Affairs 7 June 2004

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 28 January 2004, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply I have the honour to inform you that the above proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and that your Note, together with this reply, shall constitute an agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall enter into force on the date of the later of the notifications by each State that the conditions for the entry into force of the Agreement have been fulfilled.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

BERNARD BOT



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