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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Western European Union

regarding the Application
in the United Kingdom of Article 9
of the Agreement on the Status of
Western European Union, National
Representatives and International
Staff of 11 May 1955

London, 24/31 January 1974

[The Agreement entered into force on 19 February 1976]

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UNION, NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND INTERNATIONAL
STAFF OF 11 MAY 1955**

No. 1

*The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to the
Secretary-General of the Western European Union*

*Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
London S.W.1.*

Sir,

24 January 1974

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement on the Status of the Western European Union, National Representatives and International Staff signed at Paris on 11 May 1955⁽¹⁾ and to correspondence between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union regarding the application in the United Kingdom of Article 9 of the Agreement in view of alterations in the tax system of the United Kingdom.

I now have the honour to propose that Article 9 should be interpreted and applied in the United Kingdom so as to accord the Union a refund of car tax and value added tax on the purchase of new motor cars of United Kingdom manufacture, and of value added tax paid on the supply of goods or services necessary for its official activities and which are supplied on a recurring basis or involve considerable quantities of goods or considerable expenditure.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Western European Union 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 Union which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to the Agreement comes into operation⁽²⁾, which date will be notified to the Union.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(for the Secretary of State)

J. N. O. CURLE

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series No. 42 (1957), Cmnd. 173.

⁽²⁾ The Agreement entered into force on 19 February 1976.

No. 2

*The Secretary-General of the Western European Union to the
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*

*Western European Union,
London, S.W.1.*

31st January, 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your Note of 24th January 1974, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Western European Union, who therefore agree that your Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the Union and the Government of the United Kingdom which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to the Agreement comes into operation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

P. B. FRASER

(for Secretary-General)