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# Exchange of Notes

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between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium  
supplementing Article I of the Treaty  
for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive  
Criminals signed on 29 October 1901  
as amended

Brussels, 15 May 1975

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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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BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM  
SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE I OF THE TREATY FOR  
THE MUTUAL SURRENDER OF FUGITIVE CRIMINALS  
SIGNED ON 29 OCTOBER 1901, AS AMENDED**

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Brussels to the  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium*

*British Embassy,  
Brussels.*

*15 May, 1975.*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Treaty between the United Kingdom and Belgium for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals signed at Brussels on 29 October 1901<sup>(1)</sup>, as supplemented and amended by the Conventions signed at London on 5 March 1907<sup>(2)</sup> and 3 March 1911<sup>(3)</sup>.

I have to propose on behalf of the United Kingdom that the list of crimes for which extradition may be sought, as set out in Article I of the Treaty, shall be supplemented by the addition of the following:

“ 30. Offences against the laws relating to dangerous drugs, including attempts to commit such offences where these attempts are punishable by the laws of both countries.”

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of Belgium, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, together with Your Excellency's reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement between the United Kingdom and Belgium, which shall enter into force two months after the date of your reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to the Minister of Foreign Affairs the assurances of my highest consideration.

D. F. MUIRHEAD

*Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador*

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<sup>(1)</sup> Treaty Series No. 7 (1902), Cd. 1008.

<sup>(2)</sup> Treaty Series No. 16 (1907), Cd. 3580.

<sup>(3)</sup> Treaty Series No. 21 (1911), Cd. 5807.

*The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium to Her Majesty's Ambassador  
at Brussels*

*Ministère des Affaires Etrangères  
et du  
Commerce Extérieur.*

15.5.1975.

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de l'Office de ce jour lequel Votre Excellence m'adresse la communication dont la teneur suit :

“ J'ai l'honneur de me référer au Traité entre le Royaume-Uni et la Belgique pour l'extradition réciproque des criminels fugitifs, signé à Bruxelles le 29 octobre 1901, complété et modifié par les Conventions signées à Londres les 5 mars 1907 et 3 mars 1911.

Je propose au nom du Royaume-Uni, de compléter comme suit la liste des infractions pour lesquelles l'extradition peut être réclamée et qui sont énumérées à l'Article I de ce Traité :

‘ 30. Infractions à la législation relative aux drogues nuisibles, y compris la tentative de commettre de telles infractions lorsqu'elle est punie par la législation des deux pays ’.

Si le Gouvernement belge accepte la proposition qui précède, j'ai également l'honneur de proposer que la présente note ainsi que la réponse de Votre Excellence à cet effet, constitueront un accord entre le Royaume-Uni et la Belgique, qui entrera en vigueur deux mois après la date de Sa réponse.”

En réponse, j'ai l'honneur d'informer Votre Excellence que le Gouvernement belge accepte la proposition qui précède et que par conséquent il marque son accord pour que l'Office de Votre Excellence et la présente réponse constituent un accord entre la Belgique et le Royaume-Uni, qui entrera en vigueur le 15 juillet 1975.

Je saisis l'occasion, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, de renouveler à Votre Excellence l'assurance de ma très haute considération.

R. VAN ELSLANDE

[Translation of No. 2]

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs and  
External Trade.*

15.5.1975.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date which reads as follows :

[As in No. 1]

In reply, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Belgian Government accept the foregoing proposal and agree that Your Excellency's Note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between Belgium and the United Kingdom, which shall enter into force on 15 July 1975.

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

R. VAN ELSLANDE