



Treaty Series No. 14 (1979)

## Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Government of the State of Israel

concerning the extension to Hong Kong  
of the Convention providing for the  
Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement  
of Judgments in Civil Matters  
signed on 28 October 1970

(with United Kingdom notification of extension)

Tel Aviv/Jerusalem, 20 September 1978

[The extension entered into force on 20 December 1978]

*Presented to Parliament  
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 STATE OF ISRAEL CONCERNING**  
**THE EXTENSION TO HONG KONG OF THE CONVENTION**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION AND**  
**ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS IN CIVIL MATTERS**  
**SIGNED ON 28 OCTOBER 1970**

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Tel Aviv to the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Israel*

*British Embassy,  
Tel Aviv.*

Your Excellency,

20 September 1978.

I have the honour to refer to the Convention between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Israel providing for the Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil Matters, signed at London on 28 October 1970<sup>(1)</sup>.

On instructions from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, I have to inform you that the United Kingdom wishes to extend the operation of the said Convention to Hong Kong under paragraph (2) of Article 10. Paragraph (3) of that Article provides that, before this can be done, an agreement must be concluded between the Contracting Parties as to the courts of the territory concerned which shall be courts to whose judgments the Convention shall apply, and the courts to which application for the registration of any judgment shall be made.

I therefore have the honour to propose that the following courts, that is to say:

- (a) the Supreme Court of Judicature of Hong Kong (Court of Appeal and High Court of Justice); and
- (b) Her Majesty in Council determining appeals from the Supreme Court of Judicature of Hong Kong,

shall be courts to whose judgments the Convention shall apply, and that the High Court of Justice of Hong Kong shall be the court to which application for the registration of any judgment shall be made. I would explain that in certain cases appeals lie from the Supreme Court of Judicature of Hong Kong to Her Majesty in Council, who exercises this appellate jurisdiction on the advice of the Judicial Committee of that Council.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the State of Israel, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your

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(<sup>1</sup>) Treaty Series No. 62 (1971) Cmnd. 4757.

Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute the agreement provided for in Article 10 (3) of the Convention in so far as the territory of Hong Kong is concerned.

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

JOHN MASON

No. 2

*Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel to Her Majesty's  
Ambassador in Israel*

*Jerusalem, 18 Elul 5738.*

Your Excellency,

20 September 1978.

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

[As in No. 1]

The foregoing proposals being acceptable to the Government of the State of Israel, Your Excellency's Note and this reply shall constitute the agreement provided for in Article 10 (3) of the Convention in so far as the territory of Hong Kong is concerned.

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

M. DAYAN

No. 3

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Tel Aviv to the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Israel*

*British Embassy,  
Tel Aviv.*

Your Excellency,

*20 September 1978.*

I have the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes of 20 September 1978 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the State of Israel concerning the proposed extension to Hong Kong of the Convention providing for the Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil Matters signed at London on 28 October 1970.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Article 10 of the Convention, I hereby notify you of the extension of the Convention to Hong Kong. In accordance with paragraph (4) of that Article, this extension shall come into force three months from the date of this Note, that is to say on 20 December 1978.

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

JOHN MASON

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