

NORWAY



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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 Norway

concerning the Export of Uranium to Norway

[The Agreement entered into force on 5 February 1996]

*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 KINGDOM OF NORWAY  
CONCERNING THE EXPORT OF URANIUM TO NORWAY**

(No. 1)

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Oslo to  
the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway*

Note No. 10

*British Embassy  
Oslo*

*26 January 1996*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the proposed export by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority of Harwell, Oxfordshire, England to the Institutt for energiteknikk, OECD Halden Reactor Project, Halden, Norway of 20 kilograms of 19.75% Enriched Uranium as Uranium Oxide.

I have the further honour to refer to the relevant provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons<sup>1</sup> of 1 July 1968 as well as International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) document INFCIRC/254 and to state that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "The United Kingdom Government") base their nuclear export policies on these documents.

So that the United Kingdom Government are in a position to implement the guidelines set out in the appendix to the IAEA document INFCIRC/254 (hereinafter referred to as "the guidelines") I have the honour to propose that the Government of the Kingdom of Norway (hereinafter referred to as "The Government of Norway") shall, in respect of the material described above, comply with the following conditions:

- (a) in accordance with Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the guidelines the material and any material derived from it shall be used only for peaceful purposes and shall not be used in any way which would result in any nuclear explosive device;
- (b) in accordance with Paragraph 3 of the guidelines the material, and any material derived from it, shall be placed under effective physical protection in accordance with the Protection characteristics set out in Annex C to the guidelines, the implementation of those measures of physical protection being the responsibility of the Government of Norway;
- (c) in accordance with Paragraph 4 of the guidelines, IAEA safeguards shall apply to the material and any material derived from it; and
- (d) in accordance with Paragraph 10 of the guidelines the Government of Norway shall not retransfer the material or transfer any materials which may be derived from it and which are identified in the trigger list in Annex A to the guidelines to any third party unless the recipient of the retransfer shall first have provided the Government of Norway with the same assurances as those required by the United Kingdom Government for the transfer of this material and the Government of Norway is satisfied as to the bona fides of such third party.

The principle of the implementation of safeguards for the material which it is proposed to export from the United Kingdom to Norway having been accepted, and in order that this implementation may be effective, the United Kingdom Government shall confirm officially to the Government of Norway the execution of the transfer providing the relevant information as to the quantity and form of the material, date of despatch and consignee.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of Norway I have the honour to propose that this Note and your reply to that effect should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

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

MARK ELLIOTT

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<sup>1</sup>Treaty Series No. 88 (1970), Cmnd. 4474.

No. 2

*The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway to  
Her Majesty's Ambassador at Oslo*

*Oslo  
5 February 1996*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 10 of 26 January 1996 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, who will regard Your Excellency's Note and this reply as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on today's date.

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

**BJØRN TORE GODAL**

