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# Exchange of Notes

between

the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland and the Government of Israel  
amending the Convention providing for the Reciprocal  
Recognition and Enforcement of Judgements in Civil Matters  
signed at London on 28 October 1970

Tel Aviv, 18 September and Jerusalem, 24 December 2002

[The Exchange of Notes entered into force on 6 November 2003]

*Presented to Parliament  
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
by Command of Her Majesty  
June 2005*

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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED  
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AMENDING THE CONVENTION PROVIDING  
FOR THE RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF  
JUDGEMENTS IN CIVIL MATTERS SIGNED AT LONDON ON 28 OCTOBER  
1970<sup>1</sup>**

**No. 1**

*The British Charge d'Affaires at Tel Aviv to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel.*

*Tel Aviv*

*18 September 2002*

I have the honour to refer to the correspondence between representatives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Israel in respect of the treaty relating to the mutual recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil matters, which was signed in London on 28 October 1970 ("The Treaty of 1970") and to propose that:

1. The Treaty of 1970 be amended by the addition, after the words and comma, "the district courts," in Paragraph 2(1)(B), of the words and comma, "the magistrates' courts,".
2. Each government should notify the other of the completion of the procedures required under its laws for the aforementioned amendment to come into force.
3. In the case of the United Kingdom, this amendment to the Treaty of 1970 should apply to the area that falls within the jurisdiction of the courts in England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, although the Government of the United Kingdom may extend it to cover any area, in which that government is responsible for international relations and on which the Treaty of 1970 is binding, by giving notice thereof through diplomatic channels.

If the aforementioned proposals are acceptable to the Government of Israel, I have the honour to propose that this letter together with your response in this matter will constitute an agreement that amends the Treaty of 1970 and which will come into force on the later of the two dates on which notice as required by Sub-Paragraph 2 above is given.

I have the honour of assuring Your Excellency of my highest esteem.

**PETER CARTER**

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

**No. 2**

*The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel to the British Ambassador at Tel Aviv*

*Jerusalem*

*24 December 2002*

I have the honour to refer to the letter of Mr. Peter Carter, Charge d'Affaires, dated 18 September 2002, which reads as follows:

**[As in No. 1]**

I have the honour to confirm that the proposals set out in the Embassy's letter are acceptable to the Government of the State of Israel and that the Embassy's letter and this response will constitute an Agreement in this respect between our two governments. This Agreement will come into force on the later of the dates on which notice is given, whereby each government notifies the other of the completion of the procedures required under its law to enable it to take such action.

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

**BENJAMIN NETANYAHU**









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