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between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden  
Concerning the Cessation of Responsibility for the Protection of the Diplomatic and Consular Interests of the United Kingdom Government in the Islamic Republic of Iran by the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden

Stockholm, 3 April 2014

[The Exchange of Notes entered into force on 3 April 2014]

*Presented to Parliament  
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
by Command of Her Majesty  
March 2016*



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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 SWEDEN CONCERNING THE CESSATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR INTERESTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN**

**No.1**

*From Her Majesty's Ambassador, H.E. Mr Paul Johnston at Stockholm to Mr Anders Rönquist, Director-General for Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden*

*3 April 2014*

Director-General for Legal Affairs

I have the honour to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the termination of the agreement on protecting powers between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Sweden concerning responsibility for the protection of the Diplomatic and Consular interests of the United Kingdom Government in the Islamic Republic of Iran by the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden done at Stockholm on 11 July 2012<sup>1</sup> in the following terms:

1. The United Kingdom and the Islamic Republic of Iran confirmed the appointment of non-resident Chargés d’Affaires ad interim on 11 November 2013. As diplomatic contact since that date is being made directly rather than via intermediaries, at the request of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sweden’s commission as protecting power for the United Kingdom in the Islamic Republic of Iran was terminated on 20 February 2014.
2. The representatives of the United Kingdom and Sweden have jointly reviewed the activities during the period of the commission as protecting power. The property of the United Kingdom in the Islamic Republic of Iran, entrusted to Sweden as protecting power and listed in the annex to the Agreement between the two Governments of 11 July 2012 has duly been returned to the United Kingdom.
3. The Government of the United Kingdom has no claims with regard to the Swedish administration of the commission and the above-mentioned property.
4. The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Sweden have agreed on the final settlement of financial transactions in connection with the conclusion of the commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Treaty Series No. 50 (2012) Cm 8510

If the terms set out above are acceptable to the Government of Sweden, I have the honour to suggest that this Note and your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, and that this Agreement shall take effect on the date of your reply.

The United Kingdom is grateful to Sweden for the invaluable assistance provided to both the UK and British Nationals in Iran under the protecting power arrangements.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General for Legal Affairs the assurances of my highest consideration.

## Annex 1

### PREMISES TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE PROTECTING POWER

#### **Ferdowsi Compound**

| <i>Address</i>              | <i>Property No.</i> | <i>Constructed</i> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Residence                   | IRT 002B            | 1870/1967          |
| Main offices                | 001A                | 1962/63            |
| Visa office/House S         | 012A                | 1932/32            |
| Gate House – Main Gate      | 165F                | 1962/63            |
| Gate House – Churchill Gate | 100F                | 1967               |
| Conference Hall/Gym         | 154F                | 1956/57            |
| Club House                  | 095F                | 1964               |
| Swimming Pool               | 153F                | 1964               |
| House B                     | 003E                | 1935/36            |
| House E – derelict          | 004E                | 1870/80            |
| House F – derelict          | 005E                | 1870/80            |
| House G – derelict          | 006E                | 1870/80            |
| House H – derelict          | 007E                | 1870/80            |
| House J (a) – derelict      | 069E                | 1922               |
| House J (b) – derelict      | 070E                | 1922               |
| House L                     | 168F                | 1922               |
| House M                     | 008E                | 1937               |
| House N                     | 009E                | 1937               |
| House P                     | 010E                | 1928/29            |
| House Q                     | 013E                | 1928/29            |
| House R                     | 011E                | 1928/29            |
| House T                     | 081E                | 1931/32            |
| Bungalow 1                  | 130E                | 1990               |
| Bungalow 2                  | 131E                | 1990               |
| Flat 1                      | 014E                | 1964               |
| Flat 2                      | 015E                | 1964               |
| Flat 3                      | 016E                | 1964               |
| Flat 4                      | 017E                | 1964               |
| Flat 5                      | 018E                | 1964               |
| Flat 6                      | 019E                | 1964               |

#### **Gulhak Compound**

| <i>Address</i>    | <i>Property No.</i> | <i>Constructed</i> |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Flat 1 – derelict | IRT 020E            | 1956               |
| Flat 2 – derelict | 021E                | 1956               |
| Flat 4 – derelict | 023E                | 1956               |
| Flat 5 – derelict | 024E                | 1956               |
| Flat 6 – derelict | 025E                | 1956               |

|                                      |      |           |
|--------------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Flat 8 – derelict                    | 027E | 1956      |
| Flat 9 – derelict                    | 028E | 1956      |
| Bungalow F1                          | 169E | 1870/80   |
| Bungalow F2                          | 170E | 1870/80   |
| House A6                             | 035E | 1961      |
| House A                              | 062E | 2002      |
| House B                              | 063E | 2002      |
| House C                              | 064E | 2002      |
| House D                              | 065E | 2002      |
| House Q - office                     | 034E | 1956      |
| Swimming pool                        | 111F |           |
| Tennis court                         | 112F |           |
| French School                        | 096F | Not Known |
| British/German School                | 097F | Not Known |
| British Institute of Persian Studies | 038F | 1974      |
| War Graves and caretakers house      | 094F | c.1961    |
| Former Summer Residence - derelict   | 033B | 1870      |
| Staff quarters 1 - derelict          | 084E | c.1930    |
| Staff quarters 2 - derelict          | 085E | c.1930    |
| Staff quarters 3 - derelict          | 086E | c.1930    |
| Staff quarters 4 - derelict          | 087E | c.1930    |
| Staff quarters 5 - derelict          | 088E | c.1930    |
| Staff quarters 6 - derelict          | 089E | c.1930    |
| Staff quarters 7 - derelict          | 090E | c.1930    |
| Staff quarters 8 - derelict          | 091E | c.1930    |
| Staff quarters 9 - derelict          | 092E | c.1930    |
| Staff quarters 10 - derelict         | 093E | c.1930    |

**No. 2**

*From Anders Rönquist, Director-General for Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden to Her Majesty's Ambassador, H.E. Mr Paul Johnston at Stockholm*

*3 April 2014*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Note of 3 April 2014 which reads as follows:

[As in Note No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Sweden who therefore agree that your Note, together with the present reply, shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on the date of the present reply.

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

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