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# Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Government of Italy

respecting the Repayment of the Debt by the  
United Kingdom Government to the Italian Government  
on the Liquidation of the European Payments Union

Paris, April 14, 1959

*Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs  
by Command of Her Majesty  
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*The Head of the United Kingdom Delegation to the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation to the Head of the Italian Delegation*

Your Excellency,

*Paris, April 14, 1959.*

1. I have the honour to refer to the Decision of the Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation of the 30th of December, 1958, confirming the termination of the Agreement of the 19th of September, 1950, for the Establishment of a European Payments Union<sup>(1)</sup> at the close of business on the 27th of December, 1958, and to the Decision of the Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation of the 30th of January, 1959, by which it was established that, on the liquidation of the European Payments Union in accordance with the provisions of Annex B to the Agreement of the 19th of September, 1950, there is a debt of Twenty million two hundred and fourteen thousand one hundred and seventy-eight units of account due from the United Kingdom Government to the Italian Government.

2. The United Kingdom Government propose that:—

(a) the debt of Twenty million two hundred and fourteen thousand one hundred and seventy-eight units of account referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be converted into Italian Lire at the following rate of exchange, namely, one unit of account equals 624.91 Italian Lire;

(b) the debt of Twelve thousand six hundred and thirty-two million forty-one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four Italian Lire established by virtue of sub-paragraph (a) above shall be repaid by the United Kingdom Government to the Italian Government in six semi-annual instalments, namely, a first instalment of Two thousand one hundred and thirty-two million forty-one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four Italian Lire and five subsequent equal instalments of Two thousand one hundred million Italian Lire, the said instalments being payable on the 15th of April and the 15th of October commencing on the 15th of April, 1959;

(c) any balance of the debt established by virtue of paragraph 2 of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at the rate of two and three-quarters per cent. per annum, commencing on the 16th of January, 1959, and payable in Italian Lire at the same time as the instalments due by virtue of sub-paragraph (b) above;

(d) the payments due by virtue of sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) above shall be made to the Ufficio Italiano dei Cambi, acting on behalf of the Italian Government.

3. If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Italian Government, I have the honour to suggest that this Note together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter, which shall enter into effect on this day's date.

I have, &c.

HUGH ELLIS-REES.

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(<sup>1</sup>) "Miscellaneous No. 14 (1950)," Cmd. 8064.

No. 2

*The Head of the Italian Delegation to the Organisation for European  
Economic Co-operation to the Head of the United Kingdom Delegation*

Your Excellency,

*Paris, April 14, 1959.*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 14th of April, 1959, reading as follows:—

[As in No. 1.]

In reply, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Italian Government agrees with the proposals made in your Note, and will regard that Note and this reply as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments entering into force with effect from the date of Your Excellency's Note.

I have, &c.

G. COSMELLI.

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