

GREECE



Treaty Series No. 25 (1980)

# Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Government of Greece  
concerning the Safeguards and  
Assurances relating to a Transfer of  
Nuclear Fuel from the United Kingdom  
to Athens University

Athens, 11 September 1979

[The Agreement entered into force on 11 September 1979]

*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 GREECE CONCERNING SAFEGUARDS**  
**AND ASSURANCES RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR**  
**FUEL FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO ATHENS UNIVERSITY**

No. 1

*The British Embassy at Athens*  
*to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece*

Note No : 119

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour to refer to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) document INFCIRC/254 dated February 1978 [a copy of which is attached<sup>(1)</sup>] and to state that the Government of the United Kingdom have decided to base their nuclear export policies on this document.

So that the United Kingdom Government may give effect to the Guidelines set out in the Appendix to that document (and hereinafter referred to as "the Guidelines"), the Embassy have the honour to propose that the Government of Greece shall, in respect of the transfer from the United Kingdom to Greece of 1550 kilograms of natural uranium metal and 80.4 kilograms of 1.8% enriched uranium oxide for the National Technical University of Athens for use in the sub-critical nuclear facility provided by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority,<sup>(2)</sup> comply with the following conditions:

- (a) that, in compliance with paragraph 2 of the Guidelines, this shipment of nuclear material shall not be used in any way which would result in any nuclear explosive device;
- (b) that, in compliance with paragraph 3 of the Guidelines, this shipment of nuclear material and facilities identified in Annex A to the Guidelines shall be placed under effective physical protection in accordance with the protection characteristics set out in Annex B to the Guidelines, the implementation of those measures of physical protection being the responsibility of the Government of Greece;
- (c) that, in compliance with paragraph 4 of the Guidelines, IAEA safeguards shall apply to this shipment of nuclear material;
- (d) that, in compliance with paragraph 10 of the Guidelines, Greece shall not re-transfer this shipment of nuclear material, originally transferred by the United Kingdom or transfer any items that may be derived from the above material, unless the recipient of the re-transfer or

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<sup>(1)</sup> Not reproduced.

<sup>(2)</sup> See Treaty Series No. 66 (1969), Cmnd. 4042.

transfer shall have first provided Greece with the same assurances that Greece has given to the United Kingdom in this exchange of Notes.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of Greece the Embassy have the honour to propose that this Note, together with the Ministry's reply in that sense, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply<sup>(\*)</sup>.

The Embassy avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry the assurances of their highest consideration.

*British Embassy  
Athens*

*11 September 1979*

No. 2

*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece  
to the British Embassy at Athens*

*Ministère des Affaires Étrangères  
Department of International  
Organisations and Conferences*

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs present their compliments to the British Embassy and have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Embassy's Note No. 119 of 11 September 1979 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply, the Ministry have the honour to inform the Embassy that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of Greece, and to confirm that the Embassy's Note No. 119, together with this reply, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on this day's date.

The Ministry avails themselves of this opportunity to renew to the British Embassy the assurances of their highest consideration.

*Athens, 11 September 1979*

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(\*) The Agreement entered into force on 11 September 1979.