

SEYCHELLES



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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 Republic of Seychelles
constituting the
Overseas Service Aid Scheme (Seychelles)
Agreement 1981

Victoria, 31 March 1981

[The Agreement entered into force on 1 April 1981]

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
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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 REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES
CONSTITUTING THE OVERSEAS SERVICE AID SCHEME
(SEYCHELLES) AGREEMENT 1981**

No. 1

*The United Kingdom High Commissioner at Victoria
to the President of the Republic of Seychelles*

*British High Commission
Victoria
31 March 1981*

Dear Mr. President

Overseas Service Aid Scheme (Seychelles) Agreement 1981

I have the honour to refer to discussions which have taken place between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles relating to officers in the public service of the Government of Seychelles who are designated by the Government of the United Kingdom (hereinafter referred to as "designated officers") and to place on record the terms of the agreement which was reached:

1. The Government of the United Kingdom shall provide assistance in respect of designated officers upon the terms and conditions set out in the Annex to this Note.

2. Any emoluments, allowances, grants, supplements, medical expenses, and gratuities paid by the Government of the United Kingdom to staff designated under this agreement in respect of duties performed in Seychelles shall be exempt from payment of income tax under any law in force in Seychelles, provided that the person concerned is resident in Seychelles solely for the purpose of such duties.

3. The agreement shall come into operation on 1 April 1981 and shall terminate, unless some other date is agreed between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Seychelles, on 31 March 1986.

If this Note and its Annex correctly set out the terms that have been agreed I have the honour to propose that this Note and your reply in that sense shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments and shall be cited as the Overseas Service Aid Scheme (Seychelles) Agreement 1981.

ANNEX

1. The Government of the United Kingdom will make the payments and reimbursements specified in this Annex to or in respect of staff in the public service of the Government of Seychelles who are designated by the Government of the United Kingdom (hereinafter referred to as "designated officers").

2. The Government of the United Kingdom will pay, to each designated officer:

- (a) any salary supplement for which such officer may be eligible at such rates as may be specified from time to time by the Government of the United Kingdom;
- (b) any education allowance for which such designated officer may be eligible in respect of any child under such terms and conditions and at such rates as may be specified from time to time by the Government of the United Kingdom;
- (c) any appointment grant for which such officer may be eligible on such terms and conditions and at such rates as may be specified from time to time by the Government of the United Kingdom;
- (d) that part of any gratuity payable to the officer which accrues by virtue of the addition to his emoluments of the salary supplement referred to in this paragraph;
- (e) any allowance in respect of medical treatment not available free under the Seychelles Health Service for which the officer may be eligible under such terms and conditions and at such rates as may be specified from time to time by the Government of the United Kingdom. "Medical" includes dental.

3. The Government of the United Kingdom will meet the cost of holiday passages for the children of a designated officer to enable them to visit their parents in Seychelles on such terms and conditions and occasions and in respect of such children and at such rates and by such classes of accommodation as may be specified from time to time by the Government of the United Kingdom.

4. The Government of the United Kingdom will reimburse the Government of Seychelles the amount paid by it in providing for designated officers and their dependent families passages on such occasions (not being occasions referred to in paragraph 3 above) as the Government of Seychelles may, with the prior concurrence of the Government of the United Kingdom, prescribe. Passages for designated officers and their dependent families should be, where available, by British carriers and where practicable by charter flights or on an excursion or other cheaper rate tariff.

5. Payments by the Government of the United Kingdom under paragraph 2 above will be made into an account at a bank outside Seychelles nominated by the officer and situated in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland or such other country as may be agreed by the Government of the United Kingdom.

6. The Government of Seychelles will provide each designated officer with accommodation and basic furnishings in good condition and suitable to the rank and family circumstances of the officer, at a rent reasonable in relation to his local basic salary, within such a period after arrival as shall be agreed with the British High Commission, which will normally be not more than fifteen days.

7. The Government of Seychelles will, whenever requested to do so by the Government of the United Kingdom, supply to that Government such accounts and other information in connection with the operation of this agreement as may be specified in such request.

8. In the event of a designated officer being seconded from the employment of the Government of Seychelles without the prior concurrence of the Government of the United Kingdom, the Government of Seychelles will, if requested to do so by the Government of the United Kingdom, pay to that Government a sum equal to the total cost of the reimbursements and payments made by that Government in respect of that officer whilst so seconded.

9. The Government of Seychelles will promptly inform the Government of the United Kingdom of any event which might affect the eligibility of a designated officer under the Agreement to receive payments from the Government of the United Kingdom.

10. Whenever the Government of Seychelles wishes to renew the contract of a designated officer or to recruit an officer who may be eligible for designation, that Government will consult the Government of the United Kingdom who will inform the Government of Seychelles whether or not the officer's designation may be continued or the officer designated, as the case may be, in accordance with the Agreement.

11. The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Seychelles will hold periodic reviews of the requirements that that Government may have as regards the employment of designated officers in its service, so that the Government of the United Kingdom may determine the classes and numbers of officers whom the Government of the United Kingdom is prepared to designate. During such reviews the Government of Seychelles will provide the Government of the United Kingdom with such information as that Government may require in order to calculate the amounts payable by the Government and the number of officers to be designated.

12. An officer may be designated generally or for such period as may be specified in the designation, and the designation of an officer may be terminated at the discretion of the Government of the United Kingdom; provided that the Government of the United Kingdom in exercise of such discretion will take into account the consequences which would follow if designation were terminated.

No. 2

*The Minister of Administration and Political Organisation, Seychelles
to the United Kingdom High Commissioner at Victoria*

Ministry of Administration and Political Organisation

31 March 1981

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I confirm that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Seychelles who therefore agree that your note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments and shall be cited as the Overseas Service Aid Scheme (Seychelles) Agreement 1981.

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

GUY SINON.

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