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between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the United Nations Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Organization

regarding the Application in the
United Kingdom of Section 10 of the
Convention on the Privileges and
Immunities of the Specialized Agencies
of the United Nations of
21 November 1947

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
ORGANIZATION REGARDING THE APPLICATION IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF SECTION 10 OF THE CONVENTION ON
THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF 21 NOVEMBER 1947

No. 1

*The United Kingdom Deputy Permanent Delegate to the United Nations
Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at Paris to the
Director-General of UNESCO*

*United Kingdom Permanent Delegation to UNESCO,
Paris.*

Sir,

8 October 1974.

I have the honour to refer to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies,⁽¹⁾ and in particular to Section 10 of the Convention, in view of alterations in the tax system of the United Kingdom.

I now have the honour to propose that Section 10 should be interpreted and applied in the United Kingdom so as to accord the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization a refund of car tax and value added tax on the purchase of new motor cars of United Kingdom manufacture, and of value added tax paid on the supply of goods or services necessary for its official activities and which are supplied on a recurring basis or involve considerable quantities of goods or considerable expenditure.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with your reply in that sense, shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to the Agreement comes into operation, which date will be notified to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.⁽²⁾

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. T. BIRRELL

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series No. 69 (1959), Cmnd. 855.
⁽²⁾ The Agreement entered into force on 24 July 1975.

No. 2

*The Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization at Paris to the United Kingdom Deputy
Permanent Delegate to UNESCO*

*United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,
Paris.*

5 November 1974.

Sir,

I refer to your Note of 8 October 1974 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have to inform you that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization who therefore agree that your Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the Organization and the Government of the United Kingdom which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to the Agreement comes into operation.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

RENÉ MAHEU

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