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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the United Nations

regarding the Application in the
United Kingdom of Article II, Section 8,
of the General Convention on the
Privileges and Immunities of the
United Nations of 13 February 1946

London, 16 May/14 June 1974

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GENERAL CONVENTION ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF 13 FEBRUARY 1946

No. 1

*The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to the
Secretary-General of the United Nations*

*Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London.*

16 May 1974

Your Excellency

I have the honour to refer to the General Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946⁽¹⁾ and to correspondence between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Nations regarding the application in the United Kingdom of Article II, Section 8, of the Convention in view of alterations in the tax system of the United Kingdom.

I now have the honour to propose that Section 8 should be interpreted and applied in the United Kingdom so as to accord the United Nations 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 I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with Your Excellency's 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 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.⁽²⁾

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
(for the Secretary of State)
J. N. O. CURLE

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series No. 10 (1950), Cmd. 7891.

⁽²⁾ The Agreement entered into force on 24 July 1975.

No. 2

*The Secretary-General of the United Nations to the
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*

*United Nations,
London.*

14 June 1974

Sir

I have the honour to refer to your Note of 16 May 1974 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the United Nations, who therefore agree that your Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the United Nations 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.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient Servant,

MICHAEL POPOVIC

for the Secretary-General

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