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between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic Amending the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning the carrying of Service Weapons by French Officers on the territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
Done at Le Touquet 4 February 2003

London, 10 May 2012

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*Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
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UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
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THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE
CARRYING OF SERVICE WEAPONS BY FRENCH OFFICERS ON THE
TERRITORY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND DONE AT LE TOUQUET
ON 4 FEBRUARY 2003**

No. 1

*His Excellency M. Bernard Emié, Ambassador of France to the United Kingdom to
Dame Helen Ghosh, Permanent Secretary, Home Office*

10 May 2012

Dear Madame Permanent Secretary

Further to the discussions between our two Governments about the difficulties encountered by the French Party in implementing the Agreement of 4 February 2003 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning the carrying of Service Weapons by French Officers on the territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland¹, arising from the change in the service weapons carried by French Officers, I have the honour, on behalf of my Government, to propose to you that the provisions of Article 3 of the Agreement be amended as follows:

“An officer may only carry a single service weapon and the number of cartridges required to fill two magazines.”

I should be obliged if you would inform me whether your Government agrees to the above proposal. If so, this letter and your reply shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement of 4 February 2003 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning the carrying of Service Weapons by French Officers on the territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The amendment, whose French and English versions shall be equally authentic, shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

Please accept, Madame Permanent Secretary, the assurances of my highest consideration.

¹ Treaty Series No 28 (2005) Cm 6604

No. 2

*Dame Helen Ghosh, Permanent Secretary, Home Office to His Excellency
M. Bernard Emié, Ambassador of France to the United Kingdom*

10 May 2012

Dear Mr Emié

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10 May 2012 which reads in translation as follows:

[As in No.1]

I have the honour to inform you that my Government agrees to this proposal. Accordingly, your letter and my reply shall therefore constitute an agreement amending the Agreement of 4 February 2003 concerning the carrying of Service Weapons by French Officers on the territory of the of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This agreement shall enter into force on today's date.

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



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