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between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden concerning the Assumption of Responsibility for the Protection of the Diplomatic and Consular Interests of the United Kingdom Government in the Islamic Republic of Iran by the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden

Stockholm, 11 July 2012

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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 THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN  
CONCERNING THE ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
PROTECTION OF THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR INTERESTS OF  
THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC  
OF IRAN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN**

**No. 1**

*Alison Thorpe Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Stockholm to Mr Anders Rönquist, Director-General for Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden*

*11 July 2012*

I have the honour to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Sweden concerning the assumption of responsibility for the protection of the diplomatic and consular interests of the United Kingdom Government in the Islamic Republic of Iran by the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden, in the terms set out in Annexes 1 and 2 below.

If the arrangements set out above are acceptable to the Government of Sweden, I have the honour to suggest that this Note and your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, and that this Agreement shall take effect on the date of your reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General for Legal Affairs the assurances of my highest consideration.

Alison Thorpe  
Chargé d'Affaires  
British Embassy Stockholm

## Annex 1

### SECTION 1

Sweden undertakes to represent the United Kingdom as protecting power in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

- 1) The commission as protecting power comprises administrative, humanitarian and consular matters (excluding routine entry clearance services). If the commission is to be extended to cover other matters, a separate exchange of notes to that effect is required.
- 2) In dealing with protection matters, the protecting power may avoid taking action that could damage its position or good name in the receiving country, or in relation to any other country. In case of doubt in dealing with the matter, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Stockholm shall take the decision. This always applies to letters and other messages from the commissioning country to the receiving country.

### SECTION 2

- 1) An Interests Section for the commissioning country under the Swedish Ambassador shall be set up at the Swedish Embassy in Tehran. Staff employed at the Interests Section may on the one hand be Swedish officials, on the other locally engaged personnel of the commissioning country. They may work from premises owned by the commissioning country and taken into custody by the protecting power. The protecting power undertakes, where necessary, to obtain permission from the receiving country with regard to the employment of career officials sent out by the commissioning country.
- 2) Where locally-engaged personnel of the commissioning country remain employed by the commissioning country, the commissioning country shall remain responsible for payment of their salaries and allowances. The protecting power shall be responsible for the welfare of locally-engaged personnel in connection with their employment.
- 3) Staff working at the Interests Section may use the diplomatic courier and communications of the protecting power. Diplomatic courier and secure communications may not be established between the commissioning country and its Interests Section at the protecting power without the approval of the receiving country.

### SECTION 3

The Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs shall maintain contact with the commissioning country's representatives in Sweden in all matters relating to the commission. In appropriate cases direct communication may, with the consent of the protecting power, be maintained between the commissioning country and the

Swedish Embassy in Tehran. However, the protecting power shall be kept informed of the nature and extent of such contacts. The protecting power may, at its discretion, accept a temporary liaison officer of the commissioning country at its Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm in order to facilitate this.

#### SECTION 4

- 1) The premises taken into custody by the protecting power are listed in Annex 2 to this Agreement. The Parties shall exchange information about the contents of the premises taken into custody.
- 2) The protecting power is not under any obligation to accept care of the property of citizens of the commissioning power.

#### SECTION 5

- 1) The protecting power shall take good care of the property received including its security, in consultation with the commissioning power. If an official sent out by the commissioning country has taken the property into his care the responsibility for it rests with him. The representative of the protecting power shall assist him, if the official requests such assistance.
- 2) If property belonging to the commissioning country is used by agreement as a residence or office for a member of the staff connected with the mission of protection, no rent shall be charged, but the protecting power shall be responsible for the maintenance of the property. Other properties may be leased by the protecting power on terms to be agreed.
- 3) Sale of property belonging to the commissioning country through the agency of the protecting power may not take place without the permission of the commissioning country.

#### SECTION 6

The commissioning country undertakes to reimburse the protecting power for all expenses incurred in the protecting of its interests. The Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs shall inform the commissioning country's Embassy in Stockholm of the amount in a timely fashion and in any event at least once per quarter. Appropriate information for accounting and audit purposes will be provided according to agreed procedures.

#### SECTION 7

The bank deposits of the commissioning country in the name of the British Interests Section Tehran may be transferred to special accounts in the Swedish Embassy's name. Appropriate practical arrangements will be made, following consultation between the parties, regarding payments by the commissioning country in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

## SECTION 8

Disputes arising between the Parties to this Agreement relating to the commission as protecting power shall be settled by diplomatic means. If a settlement cannot be reached in that way, the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration according to a procedure agreed between the parties.

## ANNEX 2

### PREMISES TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE PROTECTING POWER (ANNEX 1, SECTION 4)

#### **Ferdowsi Compound**

<i>Address</i>	<i>Property No.</i>	<i>Constructed</i>
Residence	IRT 002B	1870/1967
Main offices	001A	1962/63
Visa office/House S	012A	1932/32
Gate House – Main Gate	165F	1962/63
Gate House – Churchill Gate	100F	1967
Conference Hall/Gym	154F	1956/57
Club House	095F	1964
Swimming Pool	153F	1964
House B	003E	1935/36
House E – derelict	004E	1870/80
House F – derelict	005E	1870/80
House G – derelict	006E	1870/80
House H – derelict	007E	1870/80
House J (a) – derelict	069E	1922
House J (b) – derelict	070E	1922
House L	168F	1922
House M	008E	1937
House N	009E	1937
House P	010E	1928/29
House Q	013E	1928/29
House R	011E	1928/29
House T	081E	1931/32
Bungalow 1	130E	1990
Bungalow 2	131E	1990
Flat 1	014E	1964
Flat 2	015E	1964
Flat 3	016E	1964
Flat 4	017E	1964
Flat 5	018E	1964
Flat 6	019E	1964

#### **Gulhak Compound**

<i>Address</i>	<i>Property No.</i>	<i>Constructed</i>
Flat 1 - derelict	IRT 020E	1956
Flat 2 - derelict	021E	1956
Flat 4 - derelict	023E	1956
Flat 5 - derelict	024E	1956
Flat 6 - derelict	025E	1956

Flat 8 - derelict	027E	1956
Flat 9 - derelict	028E	1956
Bungalow F1	169E	1870/80
Bungalow F2	170E	1870/80
House A6	035E	1961
House A	062E	2002
House B	063E	2002
House C	064E	2002
House D	065E	2002
House Q - office	034E	1956
Swimming pool	111F	
Tennis court	112F	
French School	096F	Not known
British/German Schools	097F	Not known
British Institute of Persian Studies	038F	1974
War Graves and caretakers house	094E	c.1961
Former Summer Residence – derelict	033B	1870
Staff quarters 1 –derelict	084E	c.1930
Staff quarters 2–derelict	085E	c.1930
Staff quarters 3–derelict	086E	c.1930
Staff quarters 4–derelict	087E	c.1930
Staff quarters 5–derelict	088E	c.1930
Staff quarters 6–derelict	089E	c.1930
Staff quarters 7–derelict	090E	c.1930
Staff quarters 8–derelict	091E	c.1930
Staff quarters 9–derelict	092E	c.1930
Staff quarters 10–derelict	093E	c.1930



**No. 2**

*Mr Anders Rönquist, Director-General for Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires Alison Thorpe at Stockholm*

*11 July 2012*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Note of 11 July 2012 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Sweden who therefore agree that your Note, together with the present reply, shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on the date of the present reply.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Anders Rönquist



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