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between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Russian Federation concerning the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Provision of Assistance for the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction in the Russian Federation

Moscow, 1 June 2004 and 27 September 2004

[The Agreement entered into force on 27 September 2004]

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
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**No.1
(Translation)**

British Embassy in Moscow to The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

The British Embassy in Moscow presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter “the Government of the United Kingdom”) on Provision of Assistance by the United Kingdom for the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction in the Russian Federation of 20 December 2001 (hereinafter “the Agreement”).

The British Embassy also has the honour to refer to the consultations between the Governments of our two countries concerning the period of validity of the Agreement and the allocation of resources for the provision of assistance in the future. At the end of those consultations, the Government of the United Kingdom proposed that the Governments of our two countries agree on the following:

- a) The Government of the United Kingdom shall allocate for the purposes of the G8 initiative concerning the Global Partnership against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction, a sum of up to £70 million for the period up to 31 March 2012 in order to assist the Government of the Russian Federation in fulfilling its obligations under the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and, in particular, with the safe and environmentally-friendly destruction of stocks of chemical weapons held at the facility in Shchuchye (Kurganskaya Oblast’) and other facilities.
- b) The sum of up to £70 million referred to above shall be in addition to the sum of up to £12 million referred to in Article 1(2) of the Agreement. Consequently, the total sum allocated shall be up to a limit of £82 million.

- c) Consequently, Article 2(1) of the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

“The assistance provided by the British Party within the framework of this Agreement shall consist of the allocation of resources totalling up to £82 million over the period up to 31 March 2012. The allocation of resources for the provision of further assistance in the future shall be determined by the British Party.”

- d) The Agreement shall remain in force until the projects being carried out in accordance with its terms and conditions are completed, which is expected to be not later than 31 March 2012 and, consequently, Article 11(4) of the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

“This Agreement shall remain in force until the projects being carried out in accordance with its terms and conditions are completed, which is expected to be not later than 31 March 2012. The term of validity of this Agreement may be extended by written agreement between the Parties.”

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Russian Federation, the British Embassy has the honour to propose that this Note and the Ministry’s reply concerning these matters should constitute an Agreement between the Governments of our countries, which would enter into force from the date of the Ministry’s reply.

The British Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the expression of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
Moscow, 1st June 2004

No.2

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation to the British Embassy in
Moscow*

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliment to the British Embassy in the Russian Federation and has the honour to confirm the acceptance of the verbal note of the Embassy No.051/04 from 01/06/2004, containing the following:

[As in No.1]

The Ministry has the honour to inform that the proposal containing into the verbal note of the Embassy is acceptable for the Government of the Russian Federation, and both the current note and the verbal note will be considered as an Agreement between our Governments, which will come into effect from the date of receipt of the current note.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew its assurances of its highest respect to the British Embassy.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation,
Moscow, 27th September 2004



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