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**Agreement amending the Exchange of Notes between
Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland relating to the Oceanic Area Control
Centres at Shannon and Prestwick**

**Notifications of the completion of the requirements for entry into force
exchanged on 5 April 1990 and 23 April 1990**

Entered into force on 23 April 1990

Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

**AGREEMENT AMENDING THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN
IRELAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND RELATING TO THE OCEANIC AREA CONTROL
CENTRES AT SHANNON AND PRESTWICK**

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DUBLIN

5 April 1990

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes dated 28th March 19662 between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom relating to the Oceanic Area Control Centres at Shannon and Prestwick.

It is the understanding of the Government of Ireland that with effect from the date of your reply the arrangements referred to in the above mentioned Notes will be amended in the following respects:

1. Air Traffic Services for aircraft flying at and above FL 55 in the block of oceanic airspace to the south-west of Ireland known as the Shannon Oceanic Transition Area enclosed by the following co-ordinates: 51N 15W, 5W 8W, 48 30N 8W, 49N 15W, 51N 15W — see attached map — will be provided by the Air Traffic Control Centre at Shannon in Ireland, or by such other Air Traffic Control Centre(s) in Ireland as may from time to time be nominated for that purpose by the appropriate Minister of the Government of Ireland.
2. The airspace in question will remain part of the Shanwick Oceanic Airspace. While Air Traffic Services in the Shannon Oceanic Transition Area airspace are provided by Shannon Air Traffic Control Centre or other nominated Air Traffic Control Centre in Ireland, domestic separation criteria may be applied.
3. The provision of Air Traffic Services within the Shannon Oceanic Transition Area airspace will revert to the Prestwick Oceanic Area Control Centre if for any reason Shannon Air Traffic Control Centre or other nominated Air Traffic Control Centre in Ireland is unable to provide such services.
4. Prestwick Oceanic Area Control Centre will retain full and final responsibility for the approval of all military airspace reservations and exercises within the Shannon Oceanic Transition Area airspace.

5. Shannon Air Traffic Control Centre will be informed of all military reservations within the Shannon Oceanic Transition Area airspace.

6. When required, Shannon Air Traffic Control Centre will keep Prestwick Oceanic Area Control Centre informed of the flight details of all aircraft within the Shannon Oceanic Transition Area which are not otherwise known to Prestwick Oceanic Area Control Centre.

7. Alerting service for aircraft flying in the Shannon Oceanic Transition Area airspace will be provided by the Air Traffic Control Centre at Shannon in Ireland or by such other Air Traffic Control Centre as may from time to time be nominated for that purpose by the appropriate Minister of the Government of Ireland.

8. Search and rescue services for aircraft flying in the Shannon Oceanic Transition Area airspace will continue to be provided as heretofore by the Centre(s) nominated from time to time by the appropriate Secretary of State for the Government of the United Kingdom.

9. The Government of Ireland will bear the costs of providing Air Traffic, Flight Information and Alerting Services in the Shannon Oceanic Transition Area.

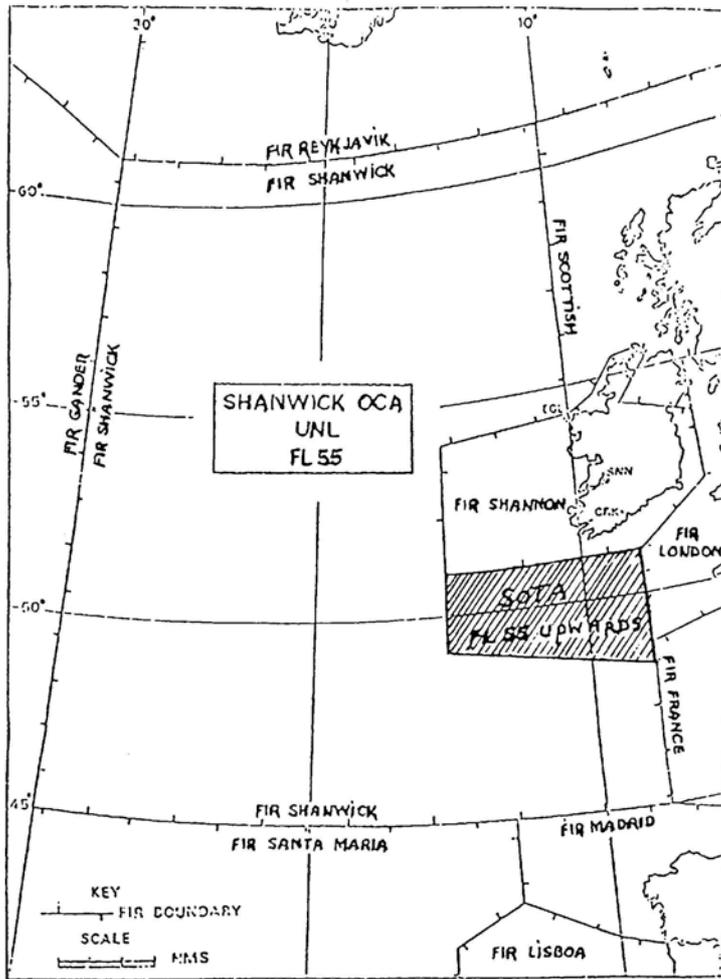
10. Such detailed amendments as are necessary for the effective operation of this arrangement will be decided in writing between Shannon Air Traffic Control Centre and Prestwick Oceanic Area Control Centre.

I should be obliged if you would inform me whether the foregoing amendments equally represent the understanding of the Government of the United Kingdom.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

[Signed]
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From Sir Nicholas Fenn KCMG, HM Ambassador

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DUBLIN

23 April 1990

Excellency

UNITED KINGDOM/REPUBLIC OF IRELAND EXCHANGE OF NOTES
CONCERNING THE SRANNON OCEANIC TRANSITION AREA

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's letter of 5 April concerning certain proposed amendments to the United Kingdom/Republic of Ireland Exchange of Notes concerning the Oceanic Area Control Centres at Shannon and Prestwick.

I confirm that the contents of your letter are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom and this reply will place on record the understanding of our two Governments in this matter which will come into operation today.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

[Signed]
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