

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (MAY 25 AND 26, 1943) BETWEEN CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RECORDING AN
AGREEMENT FOR THE WAIVER OF CLAIMS
ARISING FROM COLLISIONS BETWEEN
VESSELS OF WAR.

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*The Secretary of State of the United States
to the Canadian Minister to the United States*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sir: WASHINGTON, May 25, 1943.

With reference to recent communications between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada in relation to the making of an agreement between the two Governments providing that each Government shall bear the cost of damages to its own vessels arising from collisions between United States warships and ships of the Royal Canadian Navy, I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States of America, with a view to facilitating the conduct of the war, is prepared to give effect to an agreement in the following terms:

ARTICLE I

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada agree that when a vessel of war of either Government shall collide with a vessel of war of the other Government, resulting in damage to either or both of such vessels, each Government shall bear all the expenses which arise directly or indirectly from the damage to its own vessel, and neither Government shall make any claim against the other Government on account of such damage or expenses.

ARTICLE II

This agreement shall apply in respect of claims arising since December 7, 1941, but remaining unsettled on the day this Agreement enters into force, as well as in respect of claims arising on or after such day and during the period in which the Agreement shall remain in force.

ARTICLE III

This Agreement shall remain in force until the expiration of six months from the day on which either Government shall have given to the other Government notice in writing of an intention to terminate the Agreement.

I have the honor to inform you that if an Agreement in accordance with the foregoing terms is acceptable to the Government of Canada, the agreement shall be considered by the Government of the United States of America to have been concluded and to be in effect as of the date of a corresponding note from you indicating that the Government of Canada is prepared to give effect to the Agreement.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

CORDELL HULL.