NOTIFICATION EFFECTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES (JUNE 1 AND 19, 1938) EXTENDING TO CANADA AS FROM JULY 1, 1938, THE CONVENTION BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY AND HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF IRAQ REGARDING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS SIGNED AT BAGDAD, JULY 25, 1935

From the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OTTAWA, March 31, 1938.

No. 57 SIR,

I have the honour to invite your attention to my despatch No. 54, dated the 22nd February, 1937, and particularly to the following Civil Procedure Conventions:-

- 1. Convention with Iraq, signed at Bagdad, July 25, 1935, ratified at London, November 18, 1936, printed in Cmd. 5369.
- 2. Convention with Greece, signed at London, February 27, 1936, ratified at Athens, November 16, 1937, printed in Cmd. 5643.

I have the honour to state that His Majesty's Government in Canada desire that, in accordance with the stipulations therein contained, the above named Conventions with Iraq and Greece should be extended to Canada by notification to the representative Governments. Such extension should, if it is possible and convenient, come into force from a fixed date, and it is desirable that that date date should be the 1st July, 1938. If, however, the adoption of this date is impracticable, the first day of any subsequent month of this year would be satisfactory.

The authorities to whom judicial and extra-judicial Acts and Commissions Rogatoires are to be transmitted will be where action is to be taken in any Province of Canada the Attorney General of such Province; in the North West Territories the Commissioner of the North West Territories; and in the Yukon Territory the Gold Commissioner of that Territory. The language in which community the contract of the state and translations are to be made, will be communications to such authorities, and translations, are to be made, will be English (except in the Province of Quebec, where they may be made either in English or in French). In order to insure due execution, Commissions Rogatoires should contain full and complete interrogatories.

I have included a tabulated list of the authorities, together with their addresses therein, and I shall be grateful therefor, if you will take such steps as may be necessary to notify the interested Governments.

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Your most obedient, humble servant,

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for the Secretary of State for External Affairs.