

Exchange of Notes August 8, 1930, and November 5, 1930
regarding the recognition by the Norwegian Government of
the Sovereignty of His Majesty over the Sverdrup Islands.

From the Norwegian Chargé d'Affaires, London,
To the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, London.

Royal Norwegian Legation.

No. 95/1930.

LONDON, August 8th, 1930.

SIR,—Acting on instructions from my Government I have the honour to request you to be good enough to inform His Majesty's Government in Canada that the Norwegian Government, who do not as far as they are concerned claim sovereignty over the Sverdrup Islands, formally recognise the sovereignty of His Britannic Majesty over these islands.

At the same time my Government is anxious to emphasize that their recognition of the sovereignty of His Britannic Majesty over these islands is in no way based on any sanction whatever of what is named "the sector principle".

I have the honour to be, etc.,

DANIEL STEEN,
Chargé d'Affaires a. i.

The Right Honourable
ARTHUR HENDERSON, P.C., M.P.,
etc., etc., etc.

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LONDON, August 8th, 1930.

SIR,—With reference to my note of to-day in regard to my Government's recognition of the sovereignty of His Britannic Majesty over the Sverdrup Islands, I have the honour, under instructions from my Government, to inform you that the said note has been despatched on the assumption on the part of the Norwegian Government that His Britannic Majesty's Government in Canada will declare themselves willing not to interpose any obstacles to Norwegian fishing, hunting or industrial and trading activities in the areas which the recognition comprises.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

DANIEL STEEN,
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