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EMBASSY OF THE NETHERLANDS

Brussels, 24 February 1961

In view of the signing on this day of the Treaty for the improvement of the connexion between the Juliana Canal and the Albert Canal, I have the honour, on behalf of my Government, to make to you the following proposals:

1. The Netherlands shall be authorized to dismantle lock 19 of the Zuid-Willemsvaart waterway, referred to in the Treaty of 12 May 1863 to regulate the regime of the diversion of water from the Meuse, and to fill in the part of the Zuid-Willemsvaart waterway lying to the south of the junction of the connecting canal with the lift lock Bosscheveld.

2. The Netherlands shall be authorized to replace the feeder culvert of the Zuid-Willemsvaart waterway, referred to in the aforesaid Treaty, by a new feeder culvert to be constructed north of the projected canal connexion referred to in article 10 of the Treaty for the improvement of the connexion between the Juliana Canal and the Albert Canal, signed today.

3. The two Governments shall hold consultations with a view to the revision of the Treaty of 12 May 1863, as well as of the Agreement of 11 January 1873 amending article 6 of that Treaty, in order to adapt it to the new situation regarding the canals, and shall endeavour to ensure that such revision comes into force within three years of the entry into force of the Treaty signed this day.
If your Government is able to agree to the foregoing, I have the Honour to propose that this letter and your reply of similar purport shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between our Governments. This Agreement shall come into force after the two Governments have informed each other that the Agreement has been approved in accordance with the constitutional requirements, it being understood that, the Agreement shall not come into force earlier than the aforesaid Treaty for the improvement of the connexion between the Juliana Canal and the Albert Canal.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) E. TEIXEIRA DE MATTOS

His Excellency Mr. P. Wigny
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Brussels

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[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE General Policy Office

Brussels, 24 February 1961

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, reading as follows

[See note 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the Belgian Government is able to agree to the foregoing and that your letter and this reply shall accordingly constitute an agreement which shall enter into force in the manner stated in your letter.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) P. WIGNY

His Excellency
Jonkheer P. D. E. Teixeira de Mattos
Ambassador of the Netherlands
Brussels

1 Came into force on 14 December 1962, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.
2 De Martens, Nouveau Recueil general de traites, deuxieme serie, tome I, p.117
3 De Martens, Nouveau Recueil general de traites, deuxieme serie, tome I, p.123
4 See p. 167 of this volume.
5 De Martens, Nouveau Recueil general de traites, deuxieme serie, tome I, p.117
6 De Martens, Nouveau Recueil general de traites, deuxieme serie, tome I, p.123