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and
THAILAND**

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**PAYS-BAS
et
THAÏLANDE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord concernant la
reprise des relations amicales et diplomatiques entre
les deux pays. Bangkok, 30 janvier 1947**

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No. 3480. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND THAILAND FOR THE RESUMPTION OF NORMAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC INTERCOURSE. BANGKOK, 30 JANUARY 1947

I

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SARANROM PALACE

No. 991/2490

30th January, 1947

Monsieur le Conseiller,

I have the honour to propose that an agreement shall be concluded between the Government of Siam on the one hand and the Government of the Netherlands on the other for the resumption of normal friendly relations and the re-establishment of diplomatic intercourse, which have been interrupted by the recent war between the Netherlands and Japan, under the following terms :

1. The Government of Siam and the Government of the Netherlands agree to regard as continued in force between them the following treaties and convention :

- a) The Consular Convention of the 1st of April 1867.
- b) The Treaty of Judicial Settlement and Conciliation of the 27th of October 1928.²
- c) The Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation of the 1st of February 1938³ which specifically provides for "most favoured nation treatment" and prescribes the measures essential to the maintenance and development of import and export trade between the two countries as well as the maintenance of a good neighbourly policy in all matters of mutual or general interest. It is understood that both Governments will give sympathetic consideration to the restoration, where reasonably feasible, of facilities previously enjoyed, and will favour as far as possible the establishment of new commercial, industrial, shipping and other enterprises by their respective subjects.

The Siamese Government recognise that where, as a consequence of the war, Netherlands properties, rights and interests in Siam have suffered any loss, damage or injury through the actions, omissions or negligence of the Siamese Government, their officers or subjects, the Siamese Government will assume liability. The claims shall be presented

¹ Came into force on 30 January 1947 by the exchange of the said notes.

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. XCIII, p. 131.

³ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. CXCI, p. 13.

through diplomatic channels ; the settlement shall be based on the principles of equity and justice and not less favourable than that accorded any other nation.

2. Desirous to play their full part in mitigating the effects of the war during which the diplomatic relations between the two countries have been interrupted, the Government of Siam and the Government of the Netherlands will take such measures as may be designed to assist in the restoration of international security and general economic welfare.

3. In regard to civil air transportation, both Governments shall accord to the companies of the other country, on a basis of reciprocity, the rights and facilities now enjoyed, pending the early conclusion of an aviation agreement.

4. As evidence of their friendly attitude towards the Netherlands, the Government of Siam are prepared to consider sympathetically proposals for the maintenance and future care of Netherlands war graves in Siam.

5. The Government of Siam agree to render all possible assistance, within the limits permitted by local law, in the apprehension of persons of having committed war crimes against the subjects of the Netherlands.

Should this proposal be acceptable to the Government of the Netherlands, I have the honour further to propose that this Note and your reply to the above effect shall be regarded as constituting and placing upon record the agreement reached between our two Governments.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Monsieur le Conseiller, to express to you the assurance of my high consideration.

(Signed) DIRCEK JAYANUÂMA
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Monsieur A. J. D. Steenstra Toussaint
Netherlands Plenipotentiary
Head of the Netherlands Diplomatic Delegation
Bangkok

II

NETHERLANDS DIPLOMATIC DELEGATION

Bangkok, January 30th, 1947

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of to-day's date reading as follows :

[See note I]