

WAIVER OF CLAIMS RESULTING FROM COLLISIONS BETWEEN VESSELS OF WAR

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The Secretary of State to the Canadian Minister

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

May 25, 1943

SIR:

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.

¹ EAS 366, *post*, p. 335.

² TIAS 1582, *post*, p. 422.