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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND
and
NORWAY**

**Exchange of Notes concerning the mutual abolition of visas.
London, 26 February 1947**

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the United Nations. The registration took place on 4 December 1947.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET
D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
NORVEGE**

**Echange de notes relatif à la suppression réciproque des visas.
Londres, 26 février 1947**

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de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le
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No. 166. EXCHANGE OF NOTES¹ BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY CONCERNING THE MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISAS. LONDON, 26 FEBRUARY 1947

No. 1

Mr. Ernest Bevin to M. Per Preben Prebensen

FOREIGN OFFICE

26th February, 1947

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that, as a first step towards the eventual restoration of freedom of travel to Norwegian and British territories, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude with the Government of Norway an agreement in the following terms:—

- (1) Norwegian subjects shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance provided that they are furnished with valid Norwegian passports.
- (2) Holders of valid passports bearing, on the cover, the inscription "British Passport" and, inside, the description of the holder's national status as "British subject" shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Norway without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.
- (3) It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt Norwegian and British subjects coming respectively to the United Kingdom and to Norway from the necessity of complying with the British and the Norwegian laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners, and that travellers who are unable to satisfy the immigration authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to enter or land.

¹ Came into force on 1 March 1947, by the exchange, and according to the terms, of the said notes.

- (4) As regards travel to Spitsbergen or to Norwegian or British colonies and overseas territories, protectorates or territories under mandate or trusteeship, it is understood that visas will continue to be required.

2. If the Norwegian Government are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that the present note and your Excellency's reply in similar terms should be regarded as placing on record the agreement between the two Governments, which shall take effect on 1st March, 1947.

I have, &c.

Ernest BEVIN

No. 2

M. Per Preben Prebensen to Mr. Ernest Bevin

ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY

London, 26th February, 1947

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of to-day's date in which you inform me that, as a first step towards the eventual restoration of freedom of travel to British and Norwegian territories, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude with the Government of Norway an agreement in the following terms:—

[*As in Note No. 1*]

2. I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Norway are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions and that your note and the present reply in similar terms shall be regarded as placing on record the agreement between the two Governments, which shall take effect on 1st March, 1947.

I have, &c.

P. PREBENSEN