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

**Exchange of Notes regarding the reciprocal abolition of visas.  
London, 20 March 1947**

*English official text communicated by the United Kingdom Representative to  
the United Nations. The registration took place on 4 December 1947.*

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

**Echange de notes relatif à la suppression réciproque des visas.  
Londres, 20 mars 1947**

*Texte officiel anglais communiqué par le représentant du Royaume-Uni auprès  
de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le  
4 décembre 1947.*

No. 169. EXCHANGE OF NOTES<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN REGARDING THE RECIPROCAL ABOLITION OF VISAS. LONDON, 20 MARCH 1947

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No. 1

*Mr. C. R. Attlee to M. Nils E. Ihre*

FOREIGN OFFICE

20th March, 1947

Sir,

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

- (1) Swedish 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 Swedish 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 Sweden without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.
- (3) It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt Swedish and British subjects coming respectively to the United Kingdom and to Sweden from the necessity of complying with the British and the Swedish 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 April 1947, by the exchange, and according to the terms, of the said notes.

(4) As regards travel to 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 Swedish Government are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions I have the honour to suggest that the present note and your reply in similar terms should be regarded as placing on record the agreement between the two Governments, which shall take effect on 1st April, 1947.

I have, &c.

(Signed) C. R. ATTLEE

No. 2

*M. Nils E. Ihre to Mr. C. R. Attlee*

SWEDISH LEGATION

20th March, 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 Sweden and to British territories, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude with the Government of Sweden an agreement in the following terms:—

[*As in Note No. 1, sub-paragraphs 1 to 4*]

2. I have the honour to inform you that the Swedish Government 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 April, 1947.

I have, &c.

(Signed) N. E. IHRE