

No. 1203.

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**BELGIUM**  
and  
**AUSTRIA**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement providing for the reciprocal abolition of the obligation for holders of diplomatic and service passports to obtain travel visas. Brussels, 21 February and 16 March 1951**

*Official text: French.*

*Registered by Belgium on 25 May 1951.*

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**BELGIQUE**  
et  
**AUTRICHE**

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord pour la suppression réciproque de l'obligation du visa de voyage pour les titulaires de passeports diplomatiques ou de passeports de service. Bruxelles, 21 février et 16 mars 1951**

*Texte officiel français.*

*Enregistré par la Belgique le 25 mai 1951.*

## TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION

No. 1203. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN BELGIUM AND AUSTRIA PROVIDING FOR THE RECIPROCAL ABOLITION OF THE OBLIGATION FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND SERVICE PASSPORTS TO OBTAIN TRAVEL VISAS. BRUSSELS, 21 FEBRUARY AND 16 MARCH 1951

## I

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND EXTERNAL TRADE

Brussels, 21 February 1951

Your Excellency,

With reference to my letter of 25 January 1951, dealing with the same subject as the present communication, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Belgian Government is fully prepared, subject to reciprocity, to waive the requirement of travel visas in the case of Austrian nationals holding diplomatic or official duty passports.

The present letter and Your Excellency's reply thereto may be regarded as constituting the proposed agreement.

To allow for sufficient time to give instructions to the frontier passport control services, this arrangement might enter into force on 15 March 1951.

I have the honour to be, etc.

For the Minister for Foreign Affairs,  
The Director-General f.f.

(Signed) A. HERMENT

His Excellency Mr. F. Orsini-Rosenberg  
Austrian Minister  
Brussels

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 April 1951, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

## II

AUSTRIAN LEGATION  
BRUSSELS

6-pol/51

Brussels, 16 March 1951

Your Excellency,

With reference to our telephone conversation of to-day's date and in reply to the letter of 21 February 1951, Direction Générale C, 6<sup>o</sup> bureau P. No. 2202/Pr/Austria, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Federal Government of Austria is fully prepared, subject to reciprocity, to waive the requirement of travel visas in the case of Belgian nationals holding diplomatic or official duty passports.

To allow for sufficient time to give the necessary instructions to the frontier services, my Government proposes that this agreement should enter into force on 1 April 1951, in so far as Austria is concerned.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) ORSINI-ROSENBERG

His Excellency Mr. Paul Van Zeeland  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
8, rue de la Loi  
Brussels

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