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I

LÉGATION D'IRLANDE
STOCKHOLM

Oslo, 16th December 1947

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that, with a view to the eventual restoration of freedom of travel between Ireland and Norway, the Irish Government are prepared to conclude with the Norwegian Government an agreement in the following terms :

- (1) Irish citizens proceeding to Norway shall not, provided they hold valid Irish Passports, be required to obtain a Visa precedent to entry into Norway, unless they propose to take up paid employment, or to remain there more than two months. Visas will, however, continue to be required for entry into Spitzbergen or the Norwegian Overseas Territories.
- (2) Norwegian citizens proceeding to Ireland shall not, provided they hold valid Norwegian passports, be required to obtain a Visa precedent to entry into Ireland, unless they propose to take up paid employment, or to remain there more than two months.
- (3) It is agreed that the abolition of the Visa requirement on Passports does not dispense Irish citizens and Norwegian citizens, proceeding to Norway and to Ireland respectively, from the obligation of complying with the Norwegian and Irish laws and regulations regarding the entry, short sojourn, residence or employment of aliens.
- (4) Irish citizens and Norwegian citizens may stay in Norway and Ireland respectively without a Visa, on the strength of their Passports only, for a period not exceeding two months, calculated from the day of their crossing the frontier, on condition that they do not take up any paid employment.

¹ Came into force on 1 January 1948, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

- (5) This agreement shall not affect the rights of the competent authorities of the two countries to refuse admission to, or expel, any persons who may be regarded as undesirable, or who cannot satisfy the said authorities that they comply with the laws and regulations referred to under paragraph (3) above.

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 the 1st January 1948.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) WARNOCK

His Excellency Halvard M. Lange
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Oslo

II

Oslo, 17th December 1947

Monsieur le Chargé d'Affaires,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of December 16th, 1947, in which you were good enough to inform me that the Irish Government, with a view to the eventual restoration of freedom of travel between Norway and Ireland, are prepared to conclude with the Norwegian Government an agreement in the following terms :

[See note I]

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 the 1st January, 1948.

Accept, Monsieur le Chargé d'Affaires, the assurances of my high consideration.

For the Minister,
(Signed) Aage BRYN

Monsieur Warnock
Chargé d'Affaires of Ireland
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Stockholm