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**AUSTRALIA
and
NETHERLANDS**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement on the modification of certain visa regulations. Canberra, 20 February 1951

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I

MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Canberra, A.C.T., 20th February, 1951

1522/41/13

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to previous correspondence regarding visas and visa fees, and to inform you that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia is prepared to conclude with the Government of the Netherlands, an agreement in the following terms :

- (1) Netherlands citizens, possessing valid Netherlands passports who desire to enter Australia whether temporarily or permanently, and whose entry into Australia has been approved, will receive visas for Australia, free of charge, from the appropriate visa issuing authority; such visas, in the case of Netherlands citizens proceeding to Australia for purposes other than permanent residence will be made valid for a period of twelve months, and good for an unlimited number of journeys to Australia within that period.
- (2) Australian citizens, possessing valid Australian passports, who desire to enter the Netherlands as *bona fide* non immigrants may enter the Netherlands for periods of less than three months without obtaining a visa.
- (3) The present agreement shall take effect on 1st April, 1951.
- (4) Either party may at any time give to the other party written notice of its desire to terminate the agreement. The agreement shall be terminated three months after the date of such notice.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood :

- (a) That the abovementioned provisions do not exempt Netherlands citizens entering Australia, and Australian citizens entering the Netherlands

¹ Came into force on 1 April 1951, in accordance with paragraph 3.

from the necessity of complying with the Australian and Netherlands laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence whether temporary or permanent, and employment of aliens; and

- (b) That travellers who are unable to satisfy the respective immigration authorities that they comply with the laws and regulations referred to in the immediately preceding sub-paragraph, are liable to be refused permission to enter or land.

If the foregoing provisions are acceptable to your Government, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, and the Legation's confirmatory reply, should be regarded as placing on record the agreement reached between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) Percy C. SPENDER

Mr. A. H. Hasselman
Chargé d'Affaires ad intérim
Royal Netherlands Legation
Canberra, A.C.T.

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Canberra, 20th February, 1951

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of today's date regarding visas and visa fees in which you inform me that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia is prepared to conclude with the Government of the Netherlands, an agreement in the following terms:

[See note I]

I am authorised by the Netherlands Government to state that the Netherlands Government agrees to the foregoing provisions and to the suggestion that your note and this reply should be regarded as placing on record the agreement reached between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) A. H. HASSELMAN
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

The Honorable P. C. Spender, A. C., M. P.
Minister of State for External Affairs
Canberra, A.C.T.