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**AUSTRALIA**  
and  
**SWEDEN**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement for the mutual abolition of visas and visa fees. Canberra, 26 September 1951**

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**AUSTRALIE**  
et  
**SUÈDE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la suppression réciproque des visas et des droits de visa. Canberra, 26 septembre 1951**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par l'Australie le 10 novembre 1951.*

No. 1488. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND SWEDEN FOR THE MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISAS AND VISA FEES. CANBERRA, 26 SEPTEMBER 1951

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Canberra, A.C.T., 26th September, 1951

File No. 1522/41/5

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 Sweden, an Agreement on the following lines :—

1. Swedish nationals possessing valid Swedish 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 visaissuing authorities; such visas in the case of Swedish nationals 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 Sweden as bona fide non-immigrants may enter Sweden for periods of less than three months without obtaining a visa.
3. The present agreement shall take effect on 1st November, 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 above-mentioned provisions do not exempt Swedish nationals entering Australia and Australian citizens entering Sweden from the necessity of complying with the Australian and Swedish laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence, whether temporary or permanent, and employment of aliens; and

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

(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 your confirmatory reply thereto be deemed to constitute and evidence the Agreement reached between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, with high consideration, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) R.G. CASEY  
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### ROYAL SWEDISH LEGATION

Canberra, 26th September, 1951

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of today's date regarding visas and visa fees by which you have informed me that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia is prepared to conclude with the Government of Sweden, an Agreement on the following terms :

[See note I]

I am authorised to state that my Government agree to the foregoing provisions and to the suggestion that your note under reference and this reply should be deemed to constitute and evidence the Agreement reached between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, with high consideration, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) Bo ALANDER  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

The Right Honourable R.G. Casey, G.H., D.S.C., M.C.  
Minister of State for External Affairs  
Canberra