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and
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Enregistré par la Belgique le 21 novembre 1951.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 1500. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN BELGIUM AND AUSTRIA RELATING TO THE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS. BRUSSELS, 11 OCTOBER 1951

I

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENT C.
Division 2
Section 4—Office 6 P.
No. 2202/Pr/Autriche.

Brussels, 11 October 1951

Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Belgian Government, being desirous of facilitating the movement of persons between Belgium and Austria and thus strengthening the relations between the two States, is prepared to carry out, on a reciprocal basis, an agreement exempting nationals of the two countries from the need for a travel visa.

I propose to Your Excellency that the following text should be adopted :

I

Austrian nationals in possession of a valid passport may enter Belgium from any point of departure and by any route and stay there for a maximum period of two consecutive months without being required first to obtain a travel visa.

II

Austrian nationals who wish to settle in Belgium or to stay there for more than two consecutive months must, before entering the country, apply for and obtain from the competent Belgian diplomatic or consular authorities a temporary residence visa for Belgium. The visa will be issued free of charge.

¹ Came into force on 15 November 1951, in accordance with article VIII. This Agreement does not apply to the territories of the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

III

Belgian nationals in possession of a valid passport may enter Austria from any point of departure and by any route and stay there for a maximum period of two consecutive months without being required first to obtain a travel visa.

IV

Belgian nationals who wish to settle in Austria or to remain there for more than two consecutive months must first apply for and obtain from the competent Austrian diplomatic or consular authorities a visa affixed to their travel document, stating that they are authorized to settle or to reside in Austria. The visa will be issued free of charge.

V

Exemption from a travel visa does not exempt Austrian and Belgian nationals proceeding to Belgium and Austria respectively from the obligation to comply with the laws and regulations in force in each of the two countries with regard to entry, exit, residence and the exercise of any gainful occupation. Persons who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations may be refused permission to enter the country.

VI

A visa will still be necessary for entry into the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

VII

The present provisions shall not apply to holders of aliens' passports and special certificates, who will still require a consular visa in all cases.

VIII

This agreement shall enter into force on 15 November 1951. Either of the two Parties may denounce it upon one month's notice.

If the Federal Government of Austria is prepared to conclude an agreement in accordance with the foregoing provisions, this note and the parallel note to be addressed by the Federal Government of Austria to the Belgian Govern-

ment shall be considered to be an agreement concluded between the two Governments, to enter into force on the date prescribed in article VIII.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) VAN ZEELAND
Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Mr. Felix Orsini-Rosenberg
Austrian Minister
Brussels

II

AUSTRIAN LEGATION BRUSSELS

No. 40.259-A/51.

Brussels, 11 October 1951

Your Excellency,

With reference to your letter of 21 June 1951, Department C, Division 2, Section 4, Office 6 P., No. 2202/Pr/Autriche, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Federal Government of Austria, being desirous of facilitating the movements of persons between Austria and Belgium and thus strengthening the relations between the two States, is prepared to carry out, on a reciprocal basis, an agreement exempting nationals of the two countries from the need for a travel visa.

I propose to Your Excellency that the following text should be adopted :

I

Belgian nationals in possession of a valid passport may enter Austria from any point of departure and by any route and stay there for a maximum period of two consecutive months without being required first to obtain a travel visa.

II

Belgian nationals who wish to settle in Austria or to remain there for more than two consecutive months must first apply for and obtain from the competent Austrian diplomatic or consular authorities a visa affixed to their travel document, stating that they are authorized to settle or to reside in Austria. The visa will be issued free of charge.

III

Austrian nationals in possession of a valid passport may enter Belgium from any point of departure and by any route and stay there for a maximum period of two consecutive months without being required first to obtain a travel visa.

IV

Austrian nationals who wish to settle in Belgium or to stay there for more than two consecutive months must, before entering the country, apply for and obtain from the competent Belgian diplomatic or consular authorities a temporary residence visa for Belgium. The visa will be issued free of charge.

[*See letter I, articles V to VIII*]

I have the honour to be, etc.

(*Signed*) ORSINI-ROSENBERG

His Excellency Mr. Paul van Zeeland
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Brussels