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**BELGIUM
and
SPAIN**

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement exempting nationals holding diplomatic passports from the necessity of obtaining visas. Brussels, 28 December 1951 and 4 January 1952

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Échange de lettres constituant un accord supprimant l'obligation du visa pour les ressortissants titulaires de passeports diplomatiques. Bruxelles, 28 décembre 1951 et 4 janvier 1952

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 1622. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN BELGIUM AND SPAIN EXEMPTING NATIONALS HOLDING DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS FROM THE NECESSITY OF OBTAINING VISAS. BRUSSELS, 28 DECEMBER 1951 AND 4 JANUARY 1952

I

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE

Direction générale C.
2^e Direction
4^e Section — 6^e Bureau P.
No. 2202/Pr/Spain

Brussels, 28 December 1951

Your Excellency,

Further to my letter of 1 December 1951, bearing the above reference, I have the honour to inform you that the Belgian Government is fully prepared to waive the consular visa requirement in respect of Spanish nationals holding diplomatic passports, on a reciprocal basis.

This exemption will not apply to the passports of persons sent on special missions or to other official passports.

The present letter and the reply that your Excellency will be good enough to address to me may be regarded as constituting the prospective agreement.

Allowing for the time required for the issuing of instructions to the passport control services at the frontiers, this arrangement could enter into effect as from 1 February 1952.

I have the honour to be, etc.

For the Minister :
(Signed) R. CONTEMPRÉ
Director-General

His Excellency Count de Casa Miranda
Spanish Ambassador
Brussels

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1952 in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned letters. This agreement is not applicable to the territories of the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

II

THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN BELGIUM

Brussels, 4 January 1952

No. I

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of the Note (Direction générale C., 2^e Direction, 4^e Section, 6^e Bureau P., No. 2202/Pr/Spain), dated 28 December 1951, in which you were good enough to advise me that the Belgian Government was fully prepared to accept the Spanish Government's suggestion that visa requirements in respect of Spanish nationals holding diplomatic passports might be waived, on a reciprocal basis, I have the honour to inform your Excellency that my Government, having been apprised of this acceptance, has declared its agreement that the prospective arrangement should enter into effect as from 1 February next.

It is clearly understood that the visa waiver in question will not apply to the passports of persons sent on special missions or to other official passports.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Comte de CASA MIRANDA
Spanish Ambassador

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