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**BELGIUM**  
and  
**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement abolishing the visa requirements for bearers of official passports of either of the two countries proceeding to the other on official duty. Bonn, 6 December 1952**

*Official texts: French and German.*

*Registered by Belgium on 8 January 1953.*

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**BELGIQUE**  
et  
**RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord supprimant l'obligation du visa pour les porteurs de passeports officiels de chacun des deux pays se rendant en mission officielle dans l'autre. Bonn, 6 décembre, 1952**

*Textes officiels français et allemand.*

*Enregistré par la Belgique le 8 janvier 1953.*

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 2007. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN BELGIUM AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ABOLISHING THE VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR BEARERS OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS OF EITHER OF THE TWO COUNTRIES PROCEEDING TO THE OTHER ON OFFICIAL DUTY. BONN, 6 DECEMBER 1952

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BELGIAN EMBASSY

D. 3038/I  
No. 4732(52)

NOTE VERBALE

The Belgian Embassy at Bonn presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany and has the honour to inform it that in order to comply with the recommendation of the Committee of Experts on Passports and Visas of the Council of Europe, which met at Strasbourg on 4 and 5 March 1952, the Belgian Government is desirous of concluding an agreement with the Federal Government abolishing the visa requirement for holders of official passports of each of the two countries travelling to the other on official business.

Should the Federal Government likewise be in favour of such an agreement, this note and the reply of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Embassy will constitute confirmation of the agreement between the two Governments on the following points :

1. The Belgian Government and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany agree that holders of official passports of either of the two countries travelling to the other on official business shall not henceforth require an entry visa.

2. The following types of passport shall be deemed official :
- in Belgium* diplomatic passports, passports for " persons on special mission " and service passports;
  - in Germany* diplomatic passports, " Ministerialpässe " and service passports.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 January 1953 in accordance with the terms of the said notes. This agreement is not applicable to the territories of the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

3. It is agreed that holders of German official passports desirous of remaining in Belgium in a private capacity for more than three months shall still be required to possess a temporary residence visa.

4. Similarly, holders of Belgian official passports desirous of remaining in Germany in a private capacity for more than three months must be in possession of a special residence permit from the competent police authority.

5. This Agreement shall come into force on 1 January 1953.

Bonn, 6 December 1952

To the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Federal Republic of Germany  
Bonn

## II

### MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

524-10/7 adh. I V 64 224/52 Ang. 2

### NOTE VERBALE

In connexion with the *note verbale* of 1 December 1952, 524-10/7 adh. I V 64 224/52, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to inform the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium of its agreement to the following :

[See note I]

Bonn, 6 December 1952

[SEAL]

To the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium  
Friedrich-Wilhelm-Strasse, 10  
Bonn