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*The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece to the Minister of State for Immigration of Australia*

ROYAUME DE GRÈCE  
MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES

No. 13053

Athens the 9th March, 1954

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Royal Greek Government is ready to conclude a visa agreement with His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia on the following terms :

- 1) Greek nationals possessing valid Greek passports who desire to enter Australia whether temporarily or permanently and whose entry to Australia has been approved, will receive visas for Australia free of charge from the appropriate visa-issuing authority; such visas, in the case of Greek 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 nationals in possession of a valid Australian passport, who desire to enter Greece for reasons other than taking up permanent residence, will be able to enter, and remain in the Greek territory for a period not exceeding three consecutive months, without a visa.
- 3) Australian nationals who have entered Greece without a visa and have spent three consecutive months in the country, may re-enter Greece without a visa only after an absence from Greece of a period of one month, unless they obtain special exemption from the appropriate authorities.
- 4) The Agreement does not exempt greek and Australian citizens travelling respectively to Australia or Greece from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of both countries which govern the entrance, stay (permanent or temporary) and employment and work of aliens. To such persons

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 July 1954 in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

who do not comply with these laws and regulations, entrance to the country they intend to visit (or the right to remain, if they have already entered the country) may be denied.

5) Each of the contracting parties reserves the right (a) to suspend at any time temporary execution of the present Agreement with immediate effect, for reasons of Public Security or Public Health only, by giving written notice or (b) to terminate the Agreement by giving three months written notice.

This Note and Your answer, in similar terms, will constitute a binding agreement between the Greek Government and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia on and from 1st July, 1954.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you the assurance of my highest consideration.

Le Ministre des affaires étrangères :  
S. STEPHANOPOULOS

The Right Honorable  
H. E. Holt  
Canberra

## II

*The Minister of State for Immigration of Australia to the Minister for  
Foreign Affairs of Greece*

MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION, CANBERRA. A. C. T.

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24th May, 1954

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. 13053 dated 9th March which reads as follows : —

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia accepts the above proposals and agrees that your Note of 9th March and this reply should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments, which shall take effect on and from the 1st July, 1954.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,  
Your obedient servant,

H. E. HOLT  
Minister of State for Immigration

His Excellency the Minister for  
Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom  
of Greece

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