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ISRAEL LEGATION

BR/1252/9012

Brussels, 2 June 1954

Your Excellency,

With reference to the conversations which took place recently between the representatives of our two Governments on the waiving of visa requirements in the case of nationals of our two countries holding certain types of official passports, I have the honour to propose that an agreement should be concluded on the subject as follows:

- 1. The Government of Israel shall waive visa requirements for entry into, exit from and transit through Israel in the case of Belgian nationals furnished with valid Belgian passports of the following kinds: diplomatic and official duty passports and passports for persons sent on special missions;
- 2. The Belgian Government shall waive visa requirements for entry into, exit from and transit through Belgium in the case of Israel nationals furnished with valid Israel passports of the following types: diplomatic and official duty passports.

On receipt of a reply from you to the effect that the provisions suggested above are considered acceptable by the Belgian Government, the Israel Government shall regard the present note together with your note to me in reply as constituting the formal agreement between the two Governments on the subject. The agreement shall enter into force thirty days after the date of your reply and may at any time be denounced by either of the contracting parties subject to three months' notice.

¹ Came into force on 22 July 1954, in accordance with the terms of the said letters. This agreement is not applicable to the territories of the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

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His Excellency Mr. Paul-Henri Spaak Minister of Foreign Affairs Brussels

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE

Direction générale C 6ème bureau P

No. 2202/Pr/Israel

Brussels, 22 June 1954

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 2 June 1954, BR/1252/9012, I have the honour to inform you that the Belgian Government is prepared to conclude with the Government of Israel an agreement based on the following provisions:

$[See\ letter\ I]$

Your letter of 2 June 1954 referred to above, shall constitute, together with the present communication, the prospective agreement.

The agreement shall enter into force thirty days after the date of despatch of the present communication and may at any time be denounced by either of the contracting parties subject to three months' notice.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) GEERAERTS Inspector General For the Minister

Mr. Eliezer Yapou Chargé d'Affaires of Israel Brussels