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ROME, 19 JUNE 1951

I

AUSTRALIAN LEGATION

N. 143/3/1

Rome, 19th June, 1951

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to conversations which have taken place between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Australian Legation for the conclusion of a Visa Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Italy and His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, and to inform you that the terms agreed upon as a result of these discussions are acceptable to, and approved by, the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

If these proposals are acceptable to the Italian Government, the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia is agreeable that they become operative on 1st August, 1951.

The terms, as agreed, are as follows :

1. Italian nationals possessing valid Italian 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 Italian 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 decide to enter Italy for reasons other than taking up permanent residence, will be able to enter, and remain in, the territory of the Republic for a period not exceeding three consecutive months without a visa. This concession is not extended to Australians wishing to enter Somaliland, which is under Italian Trusteeship Administration. Entrance into Somaliland will be governed by regulations to be indicated by the appropriate Italian authorities.

3. Australian nationals who have entered Italy without a visa, and have spent three consecutive months in the country, may re-enter Italy without a visa only after an absence from the territory of the Republic of a period of one month, unless they obtain special exemption from the appropriate authorities.

¹ Came into force on 1 August 1951, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

4. The Agreement does not exempt Italian or Australian citizens travelling respectively to Australia or Italy 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 as 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 Excellency's Note of the same date, in similar terms, will therefore constitute a binding agreement between the Italian Government and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia on and from 1st August 1951.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

C. V. KELLWAY

His Excellency Count Carlo Sforza
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Rome

II

[ITALIAN TEXT — TEXTE ITALIEN]

IL MINISTRO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

N. 34/06119/61

Roma, 19 giugno 1951

Signor Ministro,

con riferimento alle conversazioni intercorse tra la Legazione d'Australia e questo Ministero per concordare nuove norme intese a facilitare il movimento delle persone tra l'Italia e l'Australia ho l'onore di comunicarLe che i termini convenuti nel corso di tali conversazioni e che qui sotto Le trascrivo, sono accettabili da parte del Governo italiano :

« 1. I cittadini italiani in possesso di un passaporto nazionale valido, che desiderano recarsi in Australia sia a titolo temporaneo che a titolo permanente, e la cui entrata in Australia è stata approvata, riceveranno gratuitamente il visto per l'Australia dalle competenti Autorità australiane. Tali visti, nel caso di cittadini diretti in Australia per motivi diversi da quello di stabilirvisi in modo permanente, saranno resi validi per un periodo di dodici mesi e per qualsiasi numero di ingressi in Australia entro tale periodo.

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rome, 19 June, 1951

My Dear Minister,

With reference to the discussions which have taken place between the Australian Legation and this Ministry, to frame new regulations with the object of facilitating the movement of persons between Italy and Australia, I have the honour to communicate to Your Excellency that the terms agreed upon during these conversations, as transcribed here below, are acceptable on the part of the Italian Government : —

[See note I]

As already agreed, the date of 1st August, 1951, for the entry into force of the said Agreement is acceptable to the Italian Government.

The present letter and that of Your Excellency of the same date, drawn up in identical terms, will constitute documents attesting the obligation undertaken by the Italian and Australian Governments in this matter.

Please accept, my dear Minister, the expression of my high consideration.

SFORZA

His Excellency Signor Cedric Vernon Kellway
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the Commonwealth of Australia
Rome

¹ Translation by the Government of Australia.

² Traduction du Gouvernement australien.