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**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the reciprocal abolition of passport visas. Rome, 3 and 5 July 1952**

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**Échange de notes constituant un accord concernant la suppression réciproque des visas des passeports. Rome, 3 et 5 juillet 1952**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 2508. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN GREECE AND ITALY CONCERNING THE RECIPROCAL ABOLITION OF PASSPORT VISAS. ROME, 3 AND 5 JULY 1952

I

No. 3241

Rome, 3 July 1952

NOTE VERBALE

The Royal Embassy of Greece has the honour to refer to the conversations held between the Embassy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Italian Republic, and, upon the instructions of its Government, to submit for the Ministry's consideration the following draft of an agreement for the abolition of passport visas for Greek and Italian nationals travelling in Italy and Greece respectively :

In accordance with resolution No. 20 of 19 March 1952 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the abolition of passport visas for nationals of countries members of the Council of Europe, the Italian and Greek Governments have agreed as follows :

1. Italian and Greek nationals shall be free to travel from any country whatsoever to Greece and Italy respectively without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance, provided that they are in possession of a valid passport of the country of which they are nationals. It is understood that the maximum limit of stay for each entry shall not exceed one month. Italian and Greek nationals wishing to reside in Greece or Italy respectively for a period in no case exceeding three months must obtain the necessary authorization from the local authorities, and that the latter shall have discretion to grant or to refuse such authorization.

2. It is understood that nationals of either country who have on a previous occasion enjoyed the privilege of admission to the territory of the other without a visa may not re-enter without a visa for a period not less than three months after the date of their departure. This proviso shall not however apply to any person who has procured in advance from the local authorities of the country which he intends to visit a permit releasing him from this obligation.

3. It is agreed that the waiver of the visa requirement shall not release Italian and Greek nationals proceeding to Greece and Italy respectively from the obligation of complying with the Italian and Greek laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence and employment of aliens.

The competent authorities of each Party reserve the right to refuse authorization to enter or stay in their respective countries to persons considered undesirable.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 August 1952 in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

The security authorities of both countries shall collaborate in the application of the provisions of article 3, paragraph 2.

4. The provisions of article 1 of this Agreement shall not apply to Italian and Greek nationals wishing to proceed to Greece and Italy respectively in order to carry on a trade, profession or other occupation, who must in all cases obtain the requisite visa in advance from the consulate of the country concerned.

5. This Agreement will come into force on 1 August 1952. Either Party may suspend it temporarily for reasons of public order, and notice of such suspension shall be conveyed to the other Party through the diplomatic channel three months in advance.

6. Seamen nationals of either country shall be granted the facilities provided for in article 1 upon presentation of their seamen's book.

7. If a visa is required, the current tariff of consular fees shall apply.

Either Party may denounce this Agreement on six months' notice. If the Ministry is in agreement with the foregoing proposed draft, the present Note and the reply of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to this Embassy will constitute an agreement between the two Governments. In this case, it is understood that the Agreement will come into force on 1 August 1952.

The Embassy has the honour, etc.

## II

### MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Rome, 5 July 1952

#### NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to acknowledge receipt of Note Verbale No. 3241 of 3 July 1952, in which the Royal Embassy of Greece, in accordance with resolution No. 20 adopted on 19 March 1952 by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and further to the conversations held, has proposed that the entry of Greek nationals into Italy and of Italian nationals into Greece should be subject to the following provisions :

[See note I]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to inform the Royal Embassy of Greece that the Italian Government is fully in accord with the Greek Government respecting the application of the foregoing provisions, and it is accordingly agreed that the above-mentioned Note Verbale from the Royal Embassy of Greece and this reply shall constitute authentic documentary confirmation of the obligations assumed by both Parties.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour, etc.