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I

MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

Jerusalem, 9 February 1955

Dear Minister,

The Government has had under review the question of visas and visa fees for foreign nationals travelling to or through Israel.

It has been decided that, as a first step towards easing travel barriers, visa fees may be waived in respect of the citizens of certain countries, on condition of reciprocity.

I have been instructed to inform you that from 1 March 1955, or from such other date as may be convenient to your Government, Israel visas are to be issued gratis to Norwegian nationals, if the Norwegian Government is prepared, with effect from the same date, to issue visas gratis to nationals of Israel.

If your Government agrees to this proposal, it would be convenient to give to this letter and to your reply the effect of a formal agreement.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Walter EYTAN

His Excellency Monsieur Ernst Hougen
Minister of Norway to Israel
Athens

¹ Came into force on 15 August 1955, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

II

ROYAL NORWEGIAN LEGATION

Tel-Aviv, p.t. Athens, 7th July 1955

Dear Mr. Eytan,

I beg to refer to your letter of 9th February 1955 containing a proposal to waive, on a basis of reciprocity, visa fees for Norwegian nationals travelling to Israel and for nationals of Israel travelling to Norway.

I have been instructed by the Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs to inform you that the Norwegian Government are prepared to accept this proposal. It is considered desirable that the new measures be put into effect as early as this is practicable, and, as the date suggested in your letter is no longer applicable, I should be grateful to be informed from which date your Government intend to waive the visa fees.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Ernst HOUGEN

His Excellency Mr. Walter Eytan
Director General
Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Jerusalem

III

MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

Jerusalem, 15 July 1955

Dear Mr. Hougen,

Thank you for your letter of 7 July 1955, in which you inform me that the Norwegian Government is prepared to accept the proposal made in my letter to you of 9 February 1955 for the waiver, on a basis of reciprocity, of visa fees for Norwegian nationals travelling to Israel and for nationals of Israel travelling to Norway.

The Government of Israel is agreeable to putting these arrangements into effect as early as practicable, and I accordingly have pleasure in informing you that on and after 15 August 1955 no fees will be charged for visas issued to Norwegian nationals travelling to Israel.

I shall be glad to have your confirmation that on and after the same date no fees will be charged for visas issued to Israel nationals travelling to Norway, and that this exchange of letters between us may be regarded as an agreement between the Governments of Norway and Israel for the abolition of visa fees on a basis of reciprocity from the date mentioned.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Walter EYTAN

His Excellency Monsieur Ernst Hougen
Minister of Norway to Israel
Athens

IV

ROYAL NORWEGIAN LEGATION

Tel Aviv, p.t. Athens, July 26th, 1955

Dear Mr. Eytan,

I beg to refer to your letter of 15th July 1955 as follows :

[See letter III]

I herewith confirm that on or after 15th August 1955 no fees will be charged for visas issued to Israel nationals travelling to Norway, and that this exchange of letters should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the Government of Norway and the Government of Israel for the abolition of visa fees on the basis of reciprocity from the date mentioned.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Ernst HOUGEN

His Excellency Mr. Walter Eytan
Director General
Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Jerusalem