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# MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

Jerusalem, 7 February 1955

Dear Mr. Kidd,

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 Canadian nationals, if the Canadian 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

George P. Kidd, Esq. Chargé d'Affaires a. i. Canadian Embassy Beit Haikarim Tel Aviv

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 September 1955, in accordance with the terms of the said letters.

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#### CANADIAN EMBASSY

Tel Aviv, August 2, 1955

Dear Mr. Eytan,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of February 7, 1955, in which you informed me of the following:

### [See letter I]

I am pleased to inform you that the Canadian Government accepts this proposal in respect of visas issued by Canadian visa officers. It is agreed that your letter and this reply will constitute an agreement between our two Governments which will enter into force in thirty days from the date of this letter. The agreement will remain in force until thirty days after the receipt of a notice of termination given by either of our Governments.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) George P. KIDD Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Mr. Walter Eytan Director-General Ministry of Foreign Affairs Israel

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# MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

Jerusalem, 15 August 1955

Dear Mr. Kidd,

In the absence of Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 2 August 1955 in which you indicate the acceptance by the Canadian Government of the proposal made by this Ministry to waive visa fees on condition of reciprocity.

The suggestions contained in your letter are fully acceptable and it is confirmed that our letter of 7 February and your reply of 2 August 1955 will constitute an agreement between our two Governments, effective from 1 September 1955.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) A. LOURIE Acting Director-General

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