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No. 3441. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRIA REGARDING VISAS AND VISA FEES. CANBERRA, 15 MARCH 1956

I

ACTING MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

No 1522/41/18

15th March, 1956

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to previous correspondence regarding visas and visa fees and to inform you that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia is prepared to conclude with the Government of Austria an agreement in the following terms :

1. Austrian nationals possessing valid Austrian passports who desire to enter Australia, whether temporarily or permanently, and whose entry into Australia has been approved, will receive visas for Australia free of charge from the appropriate visa issuing authorities; such visas in the case of Austrian 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 citizens, possessing valid Australian passports, who desire to enter Austria as *bona fide* non-immigrants, may enter Austria for periods of less than three months without obtaining a visa.

3. The present agreement shall take effect on April 1st, 1956.

4. Either party may at any time give to the other party written notice of its desire to terminate the Agreement. The Agreement shall be terminated within three months after the date of such notice.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood :

- (a) that the abovementioned provisions do not exempt Austrian nationals entering Australia and Australian citizens entering Austria from the necessity of complying with the Australian and Austrian laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (whether temporary or permanent) and employment of aliens; and
- (b) that travellers who are unable to satisfy the respective immigration authorities that they comply with the laws and regulations referred to in the immediately preceding sub-paragraph are liable to be refused permission to enter or land.

¹ Came into force on 1 April 1956, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

If the foregoing provisions are acceptable to your Government, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and your Note in reply be deemed to constitute and evidence the agreement reached between the two Governments.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) J. A. SPICER

The Chargé d'Affaires of Austria
Austrian Legation
Canberra, A.C.T.

II

AUSTRIAN LEGATION CANBERRA

No. 592-A/56.

Canberra, 15th March, 1956

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. 1522/41/18 of to-day, and wish to confirm that your note and my reply thereto are deemed to constitute and evidence an agreement reached between the Governments of the Federal Republic of Austria and the Commonwealth of Australia regarding visas and visa fees. The terms of the agreement are as follows :

[See note I]

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Hans MANZ

Senator The Honorable J. A. Spicer, Q.C.
The Acting Minister for External Affairs
Canberra, A.C.T.