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No. 3462. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND TURKEY ON VISAS AND VISA FEES. ANKARA, 10 APRIL 1956

I

BRITISH EMBASSY
ANKARA

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia is prepared to conclude with the Turkish Government an Agreement in the following terms :

1. Turkish nationals possessing valid Turkish 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 Turkish 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 during that period.

2. Australian citizens possessing valid passports bearing on the cover the inscriptions "British Passport" — Commonwealth of Australia or "Australian Passport" and on the inside the description of the holder's national status "Australian Citizen and a British Subject", who desire to enter Turkey as bona-fide non-immigrants may enter Turkey for periods of less than three months without obtaining a visa.

3. The present agreement shall take effect one month from the date thereof.

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 three months after the date of such notice.

5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood :

- (a) that the above-mentioned provisions do not exempt Turkish nationals entering Australia and Australian citizens entering Turkey from the necessity of complying with the Australian and Turkish 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 competent 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 10 May 1956, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

- (c) the competent authorities of each country reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in the country to persons considered undesirable ;
- (d) when, however, an Australian citizen wishes to take up employment or to exercise a profession or other occupation in Turkey, a visa shall be obtained in advance from the appropriate Turkish Consular Office.

If the Turkish Government are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your Excellency's reply in similar terms should be considered as placing on record the Agreement between the two Governments.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Monsieur le Ministre,
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(Signed) James BOWKER

The 10th of April, 1956
His Excellency Professor Fuat Köprülü
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Ankara

II

TÜRKİYE CUMHURİYETİ
HARİCİYE VEKALETİ¹

No. 52756-50

Ankara, April 10, 1956

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date in the following terms :

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Turkish Government is in agreement with the foregoing.

Please accept, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Minister for Foreign Affairs :
(Signed) [illegible]

His Excellency Sir James Bowker, K.C.M.G.
Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador
Ankara

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