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**NETHERLANDS  
and  
IRELAND**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement concerning  
the reciprocal abolition of visas. Dublin, 1 May  
1947**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the Netherlands on 18 July 1956.*

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**PAYS-BAS  
et  
IRLANDE**

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif à la  
suppression réciproque des visas. Dublin, 1<sup>er</sup> mai  
1947**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 18 juillet 1956.*

No. 3468. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND IRELAND CONCERNING THE RECIPROCAL ABOLITION OF VISAS. DUBLIN, 1 MAY 1947

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I

LEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

No. 1099

Dublin, 1st May, 1947

Excellency,

With reference to the recent Consultations regarding the abolition of the Visa requirement on Passports, I have the honour to inform you that I am now authorised by the Netherlands Government to conclude an Agreement with the Government of Ireland on the following lines :

1. Irish citizens proceeding to the Netherlands shall not be required to obtain a Visa precedent to entry into the Netherlands, provided they hold valid Irish Passports.
2. Netherlands citizens proceeding to Ireland shall not be required to obtain a Visa precedent to entry into Ireland, provided they hold valid Netherlands Passports.
3. It is agreed that the abolition of the Visa requirement on Passports does not dispense Irish citizens and Netherlands citizens, proceeding to the Netherlands and to Ireland respectively from the obligation of complying with the Netherlands and Irish laws and regulations regarding entry, short sojourn, residence or employment of aliens.
4. This Agreement shall not affect the rights of the competent authorities of the two countries to refuse admission to, or expel, any person who may be regarded as undesirable, or who cannot satisfy the said authorities that they comply with the laws and regulations referred to under paragraph (3) above.
5. This Agreement shall not apply to travel to territories outside Europe.
6. This Agreement will come into operation on the fifteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

If the Irish 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

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 15 May 1947, in accordance with the terms of the said letters.

terms should be regarded as placing on record the Agreement between the two Governments.

I have the honour to be with the highest consideration, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. VAN TETS

His Excellency Éamon de Valéra  
Minister for External Affairs

## II

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
DUBLIN

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant stating that the Netherlands Government are prepared to conclude an Agreement with the Government of Ireland on the following lines :

[See letter I]

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Ireland are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions and concur in your suggestion that your Note and this reply should be regarded as placing on record the Agreement between the two Governments.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my high consideration.

(Signed) ÉAMON DE VALÉRA  
Minister for External Affairs

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