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**UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA
and
ISRAEL**

**Exchange of notes constituting a visa agreement. Pretoria,
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**UNION SUD-AFRICAINE
et
ISRAËL**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif aux visas.
Prétoira, 1^{er} septembre 1956**

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No. 3539. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING A VISA AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAEL. PRETORIA, 1 SEPTEMBER 1956

I

21/23

Pretoria, 1 September 1956

Mr. Minister,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Union of South Africa being desirous of simplifying the existing visa formalities between our respective countries are prepared, on a basis of reciprocity, to enter into a Visa Agreement in the following terms :

(1) The Government of the Union of South Africa will order all visas to be issued gratis to citizens of Israel intending to visit the Union of South Africa or South West Africa for bona fide vacation or business purposes.

(2) The Government of Israel will order all visas to be issued gratis to citizens of the Union of South Africa intending to visit Israel for *bona fide* vacation or business purposes.

(3) These visas shall be made valid for one year from the date of issue and for multiple entries during the period of validity of the visa.

(4) This Agreement shall not exempt South African citizens or Israeli citizens from the obligation of complying with the requirements applicable in respect of admission, residence and employment on entering Israel and South Africa respectively.

(5) Persons who are not able to satisfy immigration or police authorities of their compliance with the abovementioned requirements are liable to be refused admission on arrival.

I therefore have the honour to propose that this Note, together with your confirmation thereof, shall be regarded as an Agreement which shall be binding until further notice and that the arrangements shall come into operation thirty days after the date of this exchange of Notes.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Eric H. LOUW
Minister of External Affairs

I. Bavly, Esq.

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Israel
Pretoria

¹ Came into force on 1 October 1956, thirty days after the said exchange of notes, in accordance with their terms.

II

LÉGATION D'ISRAËL¹

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Mr. Minister,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note 21/23 of 1 September, 1956, in which you express the desire of the Government of the Union of South Africa of simplifying the existing visa formalities between our respective countries, on a basis of reciprocity and to enter into a Visa Agreement in the following terms :

[See note I]

I have been authorised to inform you that the Government of Israel is in agreement with your Note above-mentioned and with your proposal that your Note under reference together with this reply shall be regarded as an Agreement which shall be binding until further notice and that the arrangements shall come into operation thirty days after the date of this exchange of Notes.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) I. BAVLY
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister
Plenipotentiary of Israel

Pretoria, 1 September 1956

The Honourable E. H. Louw
Minister of External Affairs
Pretoria

¹ Legation of Israel.