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**UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA  
and  
NORWAY**

**Exchange of notes constituting a visa agreement. Cape  
Town, 16 and 17 February 1956**

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et  
NORVÈGE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif aux visas.  
Le Cap, 16 et 17 février 1956**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par l'Union Sud-Africaine le 18 mars 1956.*

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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
CAPE TOWN

16th February, 1956

Mr. Consul-General,

As a result of correspondence between our two Governments, the Government of the Union of South Africa understand that the Royal Norwegian Government are prepared to agree to a visa agreement being entered into between our two countries in the following terms :

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

Visas shall be made valid for six months from the date of issue and for multiple entries during the period of validity of the visa.

2. The Royal Government of Norway will abolish the visa requirement for South African citizens intending to visit Norway for bona fide vacation or business purposes; this concession to apply in respect of those South African visitors whose visits will not exceed three months.

3. This agreement shall not exempt South African citizens or Norwegian citizens from the obligation of complying with the requirements applicable in respect of admission, residence and employment on entering Norway and South Africa respectively.

Persons who are not able to satisfy immigration or police authorities of their compliance with the above-mentioned requirements are liable to be refused admission on arrival.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 18 March 1956, thirty days after the exchange of notes, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

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. Consul-General, the renewed assurance of my high consideration.

(Signed) Eric H. Louw  
Minister of External Affairs

C. A. Fleischer, Esq.  
Consul-General of Norway  
Cape Town

## II

ROYAL NORWEGIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL  
CAPE TOWN

Jno. 232/56

17th February, 1956

Mr. Minister,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of the 16th February, 1956, stating the following terms for a visa agreement between Norway and the Union of South Africa :

[See note I]

I have been authorized by the Royal Norwegian Government to state that the Royal Norwegian Government agrees to the aforementioned provisions and to the proposal that your letter and my 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 assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) C. A. FLEISCHER

His Excellency The Honourable E. H. Louw  
Minister of External Affairs  
Cape Town