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Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la réciprocité de la gratuité des visas d'entrée accordée aux sportifs des deux pays. Prague, 12 mai et 8 août 1956

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Enregistré par la Belgique le 12 janvier 1957.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 3656. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN BELGIUM AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONCERNING RECIPROCITY IN THE ISSUE OF GRATIS ENTRY VISAS TO ATHLETES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. PRAGUE, 12 MAY AND 8 AUGUST 1956

I

No. 597/23.

The Royal Legation of Belgium presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to refer to the Ministry's note No. 312.143/56-KO/1 of 18 April 1956 concerning reciprocity in the issue of gratis entry visas to athletes of the two countries.

As soon as this communication was received, it was referred by the Legation to the competent Belgian authorities.

These authorities have just expressed their assent to the conclusion of an agreement with the Czechoslovak Government under which travel visas — for transit, business purposes or touring — would, on a reciprocal basis be issued free of charge to Belgian and Czechoslovak sports delegations proceeding respectively to Czechoslovakia and Belgium.

The date for the entry into force of the agreement would probably be 15 May 1956.

The Legation would be grateful if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would inform it whether or not this procedure meets with the Ministry's approval.

The Legation has the honour to be, etc.

Prague, 12 May 1956

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Czechoslovak Republic
Prague

II

No. 318.560/56-KO/1

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Belgian Legation and with reference to the Legation's note No. 597/23 of 12 May 1956 has the honour to state that it has noted the contents of the said note as it relates to reciprocity in the issue of gratis visas in connexion with the issue of Belgian visas to Czechoslovak athletes free of charge.

¹ Came into force on 15 May 1956, in accordance with the terms of the said notes. Is not applicable to the territories of the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to inform the Legation that our diplomatic and consular mission at Brussels was instructed at the beginning of May 1956 to issue entry visas free of charge to Belgian athletes and to other persons accompanying them who are members of official delegations.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to be, etc.

Prague, 8 August 1956

The Belgian Legation
Prague