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I

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS

KARACHI

No. PVI-8/8/55

October 16, 1956

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Commonwealth Relations presents its compliments to the Royal Belgian Embassy in Pakistan and, with reference to the Embassy's note No. 58/2768, dated the 23rd December, 1955, has the honour to state that the Government of Pakistan agree to conclude with the Royal Belgian Government an Agreement with regard to the abolition of visas, on reciprocal basis, on the following terms :

1. Nationals of both countries, holding valid passports issued by their respective Government, should be free to travel from any place whatever to Belgium and Pakistan without the necessity of obtaining a visa, provided their stay does not exceed *three months* at a time.

2. The usual visa formalities would be maintained for nationals of both the countries who wish to proceed to Belgium or to Pakistan for a sojourn exceeding three months.

3. It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt Belgian or Pakistan nationals coming to Pakistan and Belgium respectively from the necessity of complying with the Belgian and Pakistani laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners.

4. It is understood that the Agreement should not affect the right of the competent authorities of the two countries to refuse entry to or to expel any person considered by the said authority as undesirable.

5. The agreement would not apply to Belgian Congo and territories under Belgian Trusteeship; the Belgian visa would still be required for entry into Belgian Congo or Ruanda-Urundi.

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

6. The Agreement would only apply to Pakistan and Belgian nationals, with the exception of nationals of the Belgian Colony and territories under Belgian Trusteeship, i.e. Belgian subjects of the Congo and natives of Ruanda-Urundi.

7. The Agreement will come into force on and from the *15th November, 1956*.

If the Embassy agree to the foregoing provisions, this note and the Embassy's reply in identical terms may please be considered as placing on record the said visa abolition agreement.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Royal Belgian Embassy
Karachi

II

AMBASSADE DE BELGIQUE
KARACHI

No. 58/2701

The Royal Belgian Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, and has the honour to acknowledge their note No. PVI-8/8/55, dated the 16th October 1956, which reads :

[See note I]

The Belgian Embassy has the honour to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations that the Belgian Government agree to the Agreement as embodied in the above-mentioned note of the Ministry, and that they shall consider this present note, together with the Ministry's note, as constituting the said visa abolition Agreement.

The Royal Belgian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Karachi, the 19th October 1956

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Commonwealth Relations
Government of Pakistan
Karachi