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I

The Turkish Ambassador to the Secretary of State

TURKISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Turkish Ambassador presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of State and has the honor to inform him that the Turkish Government, with a view to facilitating visits by United States citizens to Turkey, is proposing to abrogate, except in certain specified cases, the requirement of obtaining visas for all United States citizens in possession of a valid United States passport who wish to travel to Turkey for a period of stay not exceeding three months, applicable to multiple entries.

The Turkish Ambassador wishes to inquire, in this connection, whether it would be possible for United States authorities to consider, as a reciprocal measure, the elimination of the visas fees collected from Turkish citizens traveling to the United States—a measure which is understood to be in effect with respect to citizens of certain friendly and allied countries.

June 27, 1955
[SEAL]

The Honorable the Secretary of State
The Department of State
Washington, D. C.

1222-155

II

The Secretary of State to the Turkish Ambassador

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of the Turkish Republic and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's note No. 1222-155 dated June 27, 1955 which states that the Turkish

¹ Came into force on 11 October 1955 by the exchange of the said notes.

Government proposes to abrogate the requirement of visas in the cases of American citizens in possession of valid United States passports who wish to travel to Turkey and remain therein for a period of stay not exceeding three months. It is understood that no fees or other charges will be assessed or levied against such American citizens in connection with their admission into Turkey.

Upon the basis of the generous proposal made by the Turkish Government the Government of the United States will consider the question of issuing to eligible Turkish citizens nonimmigrant visas without fees and valid for multiple applications for entry for the various nonimmigrant classifications shown in the annexed schedule.

SCHEDULE OF NONIMMIGRANT VISA FEES
and
VALIDITY OF NONIMMIGRANT VISAS

<i>Class</i>	<i>Visa Symbol</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Validity of Visa</i>	<i>Number of Times Visa May Be Used</i>
Ambassador, public minister, career diplomatic or consular officer, and members of immediate family.	A—1	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Other foreign-government official or employee, and members of immediate family.	A—2	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A—1 and A—2 classes, and members of immediate family.	A—3	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Temporary visitor for business.	B—1	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Temporary visitor for pleasure.	B—2	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Alien in transit.	C—1	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Alien in transit to United Nations Headquarters District under §11 (3), (4), or (5) of the Headquarters Agreement. ¹	C—2	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Foreign-government official, members of immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee, in transit.	C—3	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Crewman (seaman or airman).	D	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Treaty merchant, spouse and children.	E—1	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Treaty investor, spouse and children.	E—2	(NO TREATY IN EFFECT)		
Exchange Visitor.	EX	Gratis	12 months	Single
Student.	F	Gratis	48 months	Multiple

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 11, p. 11.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Visa Symbol</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Validity of Visa</i>	<i>Number of Times Visa May Be Used</i>
Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, his staff, and members of immediate family.	G—1	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and members of immediate family.	G—2	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Representative of nonrecognized or non-member foreign government to international organization, and members of immediate family.	G—3	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
International organization officer or employee, and members of immediate family.	G—4	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G—1, G—2, G—3, and G—4 classes, and members of immediate family.	G—5	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability.	H—1	Gratis	Period for which petition approved	Multiple
Other temporary worker, skilled or unskilled.	H—2	Gratis	Period for which petition approved	Multiple
Industrial trainee.	H—3	Gratis	Period for which petition approved	Multiple
Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children.	I	Gratis	48 months	Multiple

Upon notification of the Embassy's acceptance of the above schedule, the Department shall consider the understanding as being in effect as of a date to be mutually agreed by both Governments.

Department of State
Washington, August 8 1955

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III

The Turkish Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Secretary of State

TURKISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1629-244

September 27, 1955

My dear Mr. Secretary,

I have the honor to refer to the recent conversations and correspondence between the Department of State and this Embassy relating to arrangements with regard to visas and visa fees, and in particular to your note No. 150.382/6-2755, dated August 8, 1955.

In this connection, I have the honor to confirm that the Turkish Government will abrogate the requirement of visas in the cases of American citizens in possession of valid United States passports who wish to travel to Turkey and remain therein for a period of stay not exceeding three months.

Accordingly, such American citizens will be free to travel to Turkey without the necessity of obtaining Turkish entry visas or of paying the fees and other charges levied in connection with the issuance of such visas.

It is understood that:

1. American citizens in possession of valid United States passports who have their residences in Turkey will also be exempt from the obligation of obtaining re-entry visas to Turkey, in the event of their traveling abroad.
2. The abrogation of the visa requirement does not exempt United States citizens coming to Turkey from the obligation of complying with the laws and regulations of Turkey regarding the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners.
3. Without prejudice to the provisions regarding passports, visas and visa fees of other agreements and arrangements between the United States and Turkey, American citizens in possession of valid United States passports who wish to travel to Turkey and remain therein for a period of stay longer than three months, or with the intent of establishing residence in Turkey, or with the intent of practising a profession, or in pursuit of a gainful occupation or employment, shall be required to obtain appropriate visas in accordance with the laws and regulations in effect.
4. Turkish authorities reserve the right to refuse entry to or residence in Turkey to undesirable individuals.

It is also understood that the United States will issue to eligible Turkish citizens in possession of valid Turkish passports, who wish to travel to the United States, nonimmigrant visas without fees and valid for multiple applications for entry for the various nonimmigrant classifications shown in the schedule annexed hereto.¹

¹ See p. 148 of this volume.

It is further understood that the present note and your acknowledgement thereof shall constitute an understanding between the Government of the United States and the Government of Turkey, which shall become effective on and after December 1, 1955, and shall remain in effect until the expiration of a period of thirty days from the date of notification by either one of the two Governments to the other of its intention of denouncing it.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

The Honorable John Foster Dulles
The Secretary of State
The Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Ilhan SAVUT
Chargé d'Affaires a. i.

IV

The Secretary of State to the Turkish Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, October 11, 1955

Sir :

I acknowledge the receipt of your note dated September 27, 1955 (1629-244), which refers to the Department's note of August 8, 1955, concerning the understanding with regard to the abolition of the visa requirement, but not the passport requirement, in the cases of certain American citizens proceeding to Turkey for a temporary period of stay, and to the issuance of gratis visas to certain eligible Turkish citizens who are classified as nonimmigrants.

The visa-issuing authorities of the United States are being instructed that on and after December 1, 1955, eligible Turkish citizens who qualify for a classification listed in the schedule included in the Department's note of August 8, 1955, will be issued gratis nonimmigrant visas which may be valid for the period and for the number of applications shown for the classification in the schedule.

I invite your attention to the fact that the validity of a visa relates to the period within which it may be used in connection with an application for admission into the United States and not to the period of stay granted the bearer by the Immigration authorities at a port of entry. The period of each stay will, as at present, continue to be determined by the authorities at a port of entry.

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

For the Secretary of State :

Mr. Ilhan Savut
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the Turkish Republic

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