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I

Jerusalem, 9 February 1955

A/1812

Dear Mr. Kala,

The Government has had under review the question of visas and visa fees for foreign nationals travelling to or through Israel.

It has been decided, that as a first step towards easing travel barriers, visa fees may be waived in respect of the citizens of certain countries, on condition of reciprocity.

I have been instructed to inform you that from 1 March 1955, or from such other date as may be convenient to your Government, Israel visas are to be issued gratis to Finnish nationals, if the Finnish Government is prepared, with effect from the same date, to issue visas gratis to nationals of Israel.

If your Government agrees to this proposal, it would be convenient to give to this letter and to your reply the effect of a formal agreement.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Walter EYTAN

Monsieur Toivo Kala
Chargé d'Affaires of Finland
Legation of Finland
Tel Aviv

¹ Came into force on 1 December 1955, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

II

LÉGATION DE FINLANDE¹

No. 425.

Tel Aviv, October 18th, 1955

Dear Doctor Eytan,

Referring to your esteemed letter No. A/1812 of last February 9th, I have the pleasure to inform you of my Government's favourable attitude concerning your proposition that visa fees between Finland and Israel may be waived.

As the existing legislation already gives the Finnish authorities the possibility to change, on condition of reciprocity, the fees in question, the entry fee for Israeli citizens can be reduced even to nil as soon as it has been ascertained that the entry fee for Finnish citizens has been altered correspondingly in Israel.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) T. I. KALA
Chargé d'Affaires of Finland

His Excellency Doctor Walter Eytan
Director General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
of the State of Israel

III

CONSULAR DIVISION

CH/1882/13

31 October 1955
A/1812

Dear Mr. Kala,

I refer to your letter No. 425 of 18 October 1955 to the Director General of this Ministry and have the honour to inform you that with effect from 1 December 1955 no fees for entry visas to Israel will be charged to nationals of Finland.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) M. VARDI
Deputy Director

Mr. T. I. Kala
Chargé d'Affaires of Finland
Legation of Finland
Tel Aviv

¹ Legation of Finland.

IV

LÉGATION DE FINLANDE¹

No. 471/V

Tel Aviv, November, 16th, 1955

Dear Doctor Eytan,

Referring to our conversation on last October 24th, as well as to the note No. CH/1882/13 of the Israeli Ministry for Foreign Affairs, I have the pleasure to inform you that, with the effect from December 1st, 1955, no fees for entry visas to Finland will be charged to Israeli citizens travelling on Israeli passports.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) T. I. KALA
Chargé d'Affaires of Finland

His Excellency Doctor Walter Eytan
Director General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
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¹ Legation of Finland.