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**NETHERLANDS  
and  
GREECE**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the abolition of visas for holders of diplomatic or service passports. Athens, 20 August and 22 November 1955**

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**PAYS-BAS  
et  
GRÈCE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord concernant l'abolition des visas pour les détenteurs de passeports diplomatiques ou de service. Athènes, 20 août et 22 novembre 1955**

*Texte officiel français.*

*Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 26 mars 1958.*

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 4264. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND GREECE CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF VISAS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC OR SERVICE PASSPORTS. ATHENS, 20 AUGUST AND 22 NOVEMBER 1955

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EMBASSY OF THE NETHERLANDS

No. 3605

Athens, 20 August 1955

Your Excellency,

On the instructions of the Government of the Netherlands I have the honour to inform you as follows :

An agreement between the Greek Royal Government and the Government of the Netherlands concerning the abolition of visas for Greek and Netherlands nationals holding ordinary passports<sup>2</sup> entered into force on 22 December 1953.

My Government would be pleased to conclude a similar agreement for nationals of our respective countries holding diplomatic or service passports. If you are prepared to accept this proposal, consideration might be given to an exchange of notes reading as follows :

“ The Royal Government of the Netherlands is prepared to conclude an agreement with the Greek Royal Government in the following terms :

“ 1. Netherlands and Greek nationals shall be free to travel from any country whatever to Greece and the Netherlands respectively without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance, provided that they are in possession of a valid diplomatic or service passport.

“ 2. There shall be no restriction, save that of the validity of their passports, on the period for which Netherlands and Greek nationals holding diplomatic or service passports may remain in Greece and the Netherlands respectively.

“ 3. This agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the Royal Government of the Netherlands informs the Greek Royal Government that it has obtained the necessary constitutional approval.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 6 March 1956, as from the date of receipt of a note from the Government of the Netherlands informing the Government of Greece that the approval required in the Netherlands under the Constitution had been obtained, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 23 of this volume.

“ 4. Either Party may suspend this agreement temporarily for reasons of public order; notice of such suspension shall be conveyed to the other Party immediately through the diplomatic channel. Either Party may denounce this agreement by giving six months' notice.

“ If the Greek Government is prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that this note and your reply in similar terms should be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments. ”

I shall be glad to learn whether you can agree to an exchange of notes on these lines.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) W. C. POSTHUMUS MEYJES

His Excellency Mr. S. Stephanopoulos  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Athens

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### ROYAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 050486

Athens, 22 November 1955

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of letter No. 3605 of 20 August 1955, which you were good enough to address to Mr. Stephane Stephanopoulos, my predecessor.

I have pleasure in informing you that the Greek Royal Government is prepared to conclude an agreement with the Royal Government of the Netherlands concerning the abolition of visas for nationals of our respective countries holding diplomatic or service passports, in the following terms :

[See note I]

The Royal Greek Government accepts with pleasure your suggestion that your note and this reply in similar terms shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) S. THEOTOKIS

His Excellency Mr. W. C. Posthumus Meyjes  
Ambassador of the Netherlands  
Athens