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No. 4280. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND TURKEY CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF VISAS. ANKARA, 4 NOVEMBER 1953

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REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Ankara, 4 November 1953

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that, for the purpose of facilitating travel between Turkey and the Netherlands, the Government of Turkey is prepared to conclude with the Government of the Netherlands an agreement in the following terms :

1. Turkish and Netherlands nationals shall be free to travel from any country whatever to the Netherlands and Turkey respectively, without the necessity of obtaining an entry visa, provided that they are in possession of a valid passport of the country of which they are nationals and that the maximum period of stay does not exceed three months.

2. Turkish and Netherlands nationals wishing to remain in the Netherlands and Turkey respectively for a longer period than three months, and the persons referred to in article 6 of this Agreement, must obtain a visa before entering the country.

3. Turkish and Netherlands nationals at present in the Netherlands and Turkey respectively who have to remain beyond the period of three months prescribed in article 1, or beyond that specified in the visa granted in accordance with article 2, must obtain the necessary authorization from the local authorities. The said authorities shall be free to grant or refuse such authorization.

4. Turkish and Netherlands diplomatic and consular officers of the career service sent on mission to the Netherlands and Turkey respectively shall not be required to obtain a visa, whatever the duration of their stay.

¹ Came into force on 11 February 1954, one month after the date on which the Government of the Netherlands informed the Government of Turkey that the constitutional approval required in the Netherlands had been obtained, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

5. The abolition of the entry visa requirement shall not exempt Turkish and Netherlands nationals entering the Netherlands and Turkey respectively from the necessity of complying with Netherlands and Turkish laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence and gainful employment of aliens. The competent authorities of each Party reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in the country to persons considered undesirable.

6. The provisions of article 1 of this Agreement shall not apply to Turkish and Netherlands nationals wishing to enter the Netherlands and Turkey respectively in order to carry on a trade, profession, or other gainful occupation, and such persons must in every case obtain a visa in advance.

7. Turkish nationals wishing to travel to the overseas territories of the Kingdom of the Netherlands must, before departure, apply to the diplomatic or consular representatives of the Netherlands for information concerning the relevant regulations in force.

8. This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Royal Netherlands Government shall inform the Government of the Republic of Turkey that the constitutional approval required in the Netherlands has been obtained. Either Party may suspend it temporarily for reasons of public order. The suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Party through the diplomatic channel. Either Party may denounce this Agreement subject to one month's notice.

If the Netherlands Government is prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that the present note and your reply in similar terms should be considered as constituting an agreement between our Governments.

I have the honour to be, etc.

For the Minister of Foreign Affairs :

(Signed) AÇIKALIN

His Excellency Mr. W. Huender
Minister of the Netherlands
Ankara

II

LEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

No. 2912

Ankara, 4 November 1953

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 4 November 1953, reading as follows :

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform you that the Netherlands Government is in agreement with the foregoing.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) W. HUENDER
Minister of the Netherlands

His Excellency Mr. Fuad Köprülü
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ankara