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I

Mexico City, 18 March 1958

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the Belgian Government is prepared, with a view to promoting relations between Belgium and Mexico, to conclude an agreement with the Mexican Government, based on the following provisions:

1. Belgian nationals and Mexican nationals holding a valid national passport may enter Mexico and Belgium respectively by any route and from any country, without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance. It is understood that the maximum length of sojourn shall be that prescribed by the legislation of each country.

2. The waiver of the visa requirement shall not exempt Belgian and Mexican nationals proceeding to Mexico and Belgium respectively from the necessity of complying with Belgian and Mexican laws and regulations governing the pursuit of gainful occupations, change from non-immigrant to immigrant status, residence, entry or any formalities duly prescribed in the matter. This implies that all persons concerned shall be required, before entering Mexico or Belgium, to obtain the documents necessary in each case and to pay the corresponding fees.

3. The Belgian and Mexican authorities reserve the right to refuse admission or leave to remain in their respective territories to nationals of the other country whom they regard as undesirable.

4. This agreement shall not apply to the Belgian Congo or to territories at present under Belgian trusteeship. Possession of a Belgian visa shall continue to be a requirement for entry into the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

5. This agreement shall apply solely to Belgian and Mexican nationals, excluding nationals of the Colony and Trust Territories, i.e., subjects of the Belgian Congo and indigenous inhabitants of Ruanda-Urundi.

6. This agreement shall come into force on 15 April 1958.

Each of the parties may suspend it temporarily for reasons of public interest, and the suspension shall be notified to the other party immediately through the diplomatic channel.

Either party may denounce this agreement by giving one month's notice.

¹ Came into force on 15 April 1958, in accordance with the terms of the said letters. This Agreement is not applicable to the territories of the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

If the Mexican Government is prepared to conclude with the Belgian Government an arrangement in conformity with the foregoing provisions, I propose that the present note and your reply in similar terms should constitute the arrangement between the two Governments.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Jacques DE THIER

II

502251

Mexico City, 18 March 1958

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your note No. 716 of today's date, in which you propose, on behalf of your Government, the conclusion of an agreement between the Government of the United States of Mexico and the Government of Belgium, abolishing the requirement of visas in the passports of Mexican and Belgian nationals travelling to our respective countries on pleasure or business.

The aforesaid note reads as follows :

[See letter I]

In conformity with the last paragraph of your note, reproduced above, the Mexican Government accepts the proposal of the Belgian Government, and note No. 716 and the present reply therefore constitute an agreement between the two Governments on this matter.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) [illegible]

His Excellency Mr. Jacques de Thier
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Belgium
Mexico City

III

Mexico City, 18 March 1958

Your Excellency,

With reference to my note of today's date concerning the conclusion of an agreement abolishing visas for travel (on pleasure or business journeys) between Belgium and Mexico, I have the honour to inform you that under current Belgian legislation the maximum length of time which Mexicans are authorized to remain in Belgium without a visa is three months.

Mexican nationals who desire to remain in Belgium for a period exceeding three months shall be required to obtain in advance from the competent Belgian authorities a visa authorizing temporary residence.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Jacques DE THIER
Ambassador of Belgium

IV

502252

Mexico City, 18 March 1958

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to my note No. 502251 of today's date concerning the conclusion of an agreement abolishing the requirement of visas in the passports of Mexican and Belgian nationals travelling to our respective countries on pleasure or business.

In this connexion, I have the honour to inform you that under Mexican legislation Belgians may remain in our country for a maximum period of six months; the persons concerned are required to obtain from Mexican consular offices established in foreign countries a tourist, transit or visitor's card, as appropriate, and to pay for the same a fee of 37.50 Mexican pesos or the equivalent thereof in foreign currency.

Furthermore, Belgian nationals who desire to remain in Mexico for a period exceeding six months are required to obtain the necessary authorization in advance from the competent Mexican authorities.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) [illegible]

His Excellency Mr. Jacques De Thier
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Belgium
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