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Échange de notes constituant un accord en vue de supprimer l'obligation du visa de voyage entre les deux pays. Rabat, 6 février et 9 et 12 avril 1958

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No. 4377. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN BELGIUM AND MOROCCO FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE TRAVEL VISA REQUIREMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. RABAT, 6 FEBRUARY AND 9 AND 12 APRIL 1958

I

No. 181/D.151

The Embassy of Belgium at Rabat presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to state that the Belgian Government would be prepared to negotiate an agreement with the Moroccan Government for the abolition of travel visas for Belgians visiting Morocco and Moroccans visiting Belgium.

The waiver of the visa requirement would apply only in the case of visits not exceeding three months in duration.

The Embassy of Belgium accordingly proposes to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the conclusion of an agreement on the lines of the draft agreement three copies of which are annexed hereto.²

If the Moroccan Government is prepared to enter into such an agreement, the agreement might be concluded by a simple exchange of letters or notes.

The date of the entry into force of the agreement should preferably be the first day of a month and should be such as to allow sufficient time for the necessary instructions to be sent to the Belgian services concerned.

The Embassy of Belgium has the honour to be, etc.

Rabat, 6 February 1958

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rabat

¹ Came into force on 1 May 1958, in accordance with the terms of the said notes. This Agreement is not applicable to the Territories of the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

² See p. 145 of this volume.

A G R E E M E N T

1. Belgian nationals holding a valid passport may enter Morocco by any route and from any country, and remain for a period not exceeding *three months*, without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

2. Belgian nationals wishing to remain in Morocco for a longer period must apply before departure to the competent Moroccan diplomatic or consular authority for the required visa.

3. Moroccan nationals holding a valid passport may enter Belgium by any route and from any country, and remain for a period not exceeding *three months* without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

4. Moroccan nationals wishing to remain in Belgium for a longer period must apply before departure to a Belgian diplomatic or consular officer of the career service for a temporary residence visa for Belgium.

5. It is agreed that the waiver of the visa requirement shall not exempt Moroccan and Belgian nationals visiting Belgium and Morocco respectively from the necessity of complying with local laws and regulations concerning the entry, sojourn and residence of aliens and authorization to carry on an independent or salaried gainful occupation.

6. The Belgian and Moroccan authorities reserve the right to prohibit the entry to their respective territories of nationals of the other country whom they consider undesirable.

7. 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 required for entry into the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

8. This agreement shall apply only to Moroccan and Belgian nationals, excluding nationals of the colonies and trust territories, i.e. Congolese Belgian subjects and indigenous inhabitants of Ruanda-Urundi.

9. This agreement shall enter into force on 1 May 1958.

Each of the Parties may suspend it temporarily for reasons of public order, and the suspension shall be notified to the other Party immediately through the diplomatic channel.

Either Party may denounce this agreement on one month's notice.

II

KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Division of Consular and Social Affairs

No. 15917/C.

Rabat, 9 April 1958

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of Belgium and, with reference to the latter's note No. 181D/151 of 6 February 1958,

has the honour to state that the draft agreement submitted by the Embassy concerning the abolition of visas between Morocco and Belgium has received the approval of His Majesty's Government.

The 1st of May would be acceptable as the date for the entry into effect of the new arrangements.

The Ministry has the honour to be, etc.

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Embassy of Belgium
Rabat

III

No. 494/D. 151

The Embassy of Belgium presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of its note No. 15.917/C. of 9 April 1958, informing the Embassy of the Moroccan Government's approval of the draft agreement submitted by the Embassy concerning the abolition of visas between Morocco and Belgium.

The Embassy has the honour to state that the Belgian authorities agree to 1 May as the date for the entry into effect of the new arrangements.

The exchange of notes between this diplomatic mission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Embassy's note No. 181/D.151 of 6 February ; the Ministry's note No. 15.917/C. of 9 April, and this note) thus places on record the agreement of the two countries with regard to the draft above-mentioned and with regard to the date proposed by the Moroccan authorities, which should be embodied in article 9 of the draft.

The Embassy of Belgium has the honour to be, etc.

Rabat, 12 April 1958

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rabat