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I

No. 46/2930

December 9, 1958

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Convention between Finland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden for the abolition of passport control at the Inter-Nordic frontiers which was signed at Copenhagen on July 12, 1957² and also to the Exchange of Notes between the Government of Canada and the Government of Finland which was signed at Ottawa on December 19, 1955 and January 9, 1956³ providing for the waiving of non-immigrant visa fees. In order to apply a common policy on the requirements for visas with the other Governments parties to the Convention, the Government of Finland proposes that the following Agreement be effected between our two Governments :

1. (a) Canadian citizens who are *bona fide* non-immigrants in possession of valid national passports, and who enter Finland from a country which is not a party to the above Convention, may without previously obtaining Finnish visas, visit Finland for periods each not exceeding three consecutive months, less the period or periods of stay in one or more of the Nordic countries during the six month period immediately prior to the entry into Finland;

(b) Canadian citizens who are *bona fide* non-immigrants in possession of valid national passports, and who enter Finland from a country which is a party to the above Convention, may, without previously obtaining Finnish visas, visit Finland for periods of three months, less the period or periods of stay in one or more of the Nordic countries during the six months period immediately prior to entry into Finland;

(c) Canadian citizens under (a) above who desire to extend their visits to Finland beyond the three month period and Canadian citizens under (b) who, upon entry to Finland or during their period of stay in Finland reach a combined period of stay in all Nordic countries of three months dating from the six month period prior to entry to Finland, shall apply for residence permits in Finland.

¹ Came into force on 1 January 1959, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 322.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 305, p. 33.

2. Finnish citizens, who are *bona fide* non-immigrants (visitors, not seeking employment nor permanent residence) coming to Canada and who are in possession of valid national passports will receive from competent Canadian authorities in Finland, visas, free of charge, valid for an unlimited number of entries to Canada during the period of twelve months from the date of issue of such visas.

3. (a) It is understood that this Agreement does not exempt Canadian and Finnish citizens coming respectively to Finland and to Canada from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of the country concerned regarding the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners and that persons who are unable to satisfy the Immigration authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to enter or land.

(b) In those cases where visas, residence and labour permits are still required, they will be issued free of charge.

If the Government of Canada is prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that this Note and your reply thereto shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall take effect from January 1, 1959 and that this Agreement shall revoke the Agreement between our two Governments concluded by an Exchange of Notes, dated December 19, 1955, and January 9, 1956, for the waiving of visa fees.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sigurd VON NUMERS
Chargé d'Affaires of Finland

The Hon. Sidney Smith
Secretary of State for External Affairs
Ottawa

II

No. C-31

Ottawa, December 9, 1958

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. 46/2930 of December 9, 1958, proposing an Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Finland regarding visa requirements for Canadian and Finnish citizens.

The proposals contained in your Note are acceptable to the Government of Canada and I confirm that your Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments in the terms of your Note and revokes the previous Exchange of Notes between our Governments dated December 19, 1955, and January 9, 1956, to be effective from January 1, 1959.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sidney SMITH
Secretary of State for External Affairs

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