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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
and  
TURKEY**

**Exchange of notes (with annex) constituting an agreement  
for the abolition of visas. Ankara, 1 March 1960**

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
et  
TURQUIE**

**Échange de notes (avec annexe) constituant un accord en  
vue de la suppression des visas. Ankara, 1<sup>er</sup> mars 1960**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le  
13 septembre 1960.*

No. 5343. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY FOR THE ABOLITION OF VISAS. ANKARA, 1 MARCH 1960

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I

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Ankara to the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs*

BRITISH EMBASSY

Ankara, March 1st, 1960

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Exchange of notes of the 9th of October, 1952, constituting an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Turkey for the reciprocal abolition of visas for travel to the United Kingdom and Turkey.<sup>2</sup>

2. Acting upon instructions from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I am to state that, in accordance with their policy of extending the freedom of travel, the Government of the United Kingdom now wish to propose an Agreement in the following terms to replace that of the 9th of October, 1952 :

(a) Turkish citizens holding valid Turkish passports shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man and to any of the territories named in the Annex<sup>3</sup> to the present Note (hereafter together referred to as "British territories") without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

(b) (i) Subject to sub-paragraph (ii) of this paragraph, British subjects and British Protected Persons holding valid passports bearing on the cover the inscription "British Passport" at the top, and at the bottom the inscription "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" or "Jersey" or "Guernsey and its Dependencies" or the name of a British territory listed in the Annex to the present Note and, inside, the description of the holder's national status as "British subject" or "British subject : citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies" or "British subject : citizen of the United Kingdom, Islands and

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 April 1960, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 151, p. 233, and Vol. 229, p. 308.

<sup>3</sup> See p. 298 of this volume.

Colonies" or "British subject: citizen of the State of Singapore" or "British Protected Person of... [name of British territory concerned...]" shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Turkey without the necessity of obtaining a visa.

(ii) When, however, a British subject or a British Protected Person wishes to take up employment or to exercise a profession or other occupation in Turkey, a visa shall be obtained in advance.

(c) (i) It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt Turkish citizens travelling to any British territory or British subjects and British Protected Persons travelling to Turkey from complying, respectively, with the British and Turkish laws and regulations regarding the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners, and that travellers who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to enter or land.

(ii) The competent British and Turkish authorities reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in their respective territories in any case where the person concerned is considered undesirable.

(d) Either Government may suspend temporarily the foregoing provisions in whole or in respect of any territory to which the present Agreement applies for reasons of public order and the suspension shall be notified through the diplomatic channel.

(e) (i) The present Agreement shall enter into force on April 1st, 1960, on which date the Agreement constituted by the Exchange of Notes of the 9th of October, 1952, shall cease to have effect together with the Exchange of Notes of the 13th of December, 1955, concerning the extension of that Agreement to Gibraltar.<sup>1</sup> The arrangements concerning Turkish citizens travelling to Malta set out in my predecessor's Note No. 646 of December 3, 1957, shall not be affected by the present Agreement.

(ii) The present Agreement may be denounced by either Government subject to one month's notice in writing.

3. If the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Turkey I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and the Annex thereto, together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense, should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

I have, &c.

B. A. B. BURROWS

#### ANNEX

Colony and Protectorate of Aden.  
Bahamas.  
Barbados.  
Bermuda.  
British Guiana.

British Honduras.  
Brunei.  
Colony of the Falkland Islands.  
Fiji Islands.  
Gambia.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 229, p. 308.

Gibraltar.  
 Gilbert and Ellice Islands.  
 Jamaica.  
 Colony and Protectorate of Kenya.  
 Leeward Islands (Antigua, Montserrat,  
 St. Kitts, Nevis and British Virgin  
 Islands).  
 Mauritius.  
 New Hebrides.  
 North Borneo.  
 St. Helena.  
 Sarawak.

Seychelles.  
 Sierra Leone.  
 Singapore.  
 British Protectorate of Solomon Islands.  
 Somaliland Protectorate.  
 Tanganyika.  
 Trinidad.  
 Uganda Protectorate.  
 Windward Islands (Dominica, Grenada,  
 St. Lucia and St. Vincent).  
 Zanzibar Protectorate.

## II

*The Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Ankara*

Ankara, 1st March, 1960

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of to-day's date in the following terms :

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Turkish Government is in agreement with the foregoing.

Please accept, &c.

For the Minister of Foreign Affairs :

Melih ESENBEL

## III

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Ankara to the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs*

BRITISH EMBASSY

Ankara, March 1st, 1960

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to propose to Your Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, that :

(a) nationals of either of the two countries, who are normally resident in the territory of the other, should also benefit from the provisions of the Agreement for the

abolition of visas between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Turkey concluded at Ankara by exchange of notes on March 1st, 1960, and should thereby be exempt from the necessity of obtaining re-entry visas, provided that they are holders of valid national passports ;

- (b) British and Turkish career officials, proceeding to Turkey and to the United Kingdom, respectively, appointed to the Embassies and the Consular posts, and members of their families, should also be exempt from the necessity of obtaining a visa, whatever the duration of their stay.

I have &c.

B. A. B. BURROWS

#### IV

*The Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Ankara*

Ankara, March 1st, 1960

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of to-day's date in the following terms :

[See note III]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Turkish Government is in agreement with the foregoing.

Kindly accept, &c.

For the Minister of Foreign Affairs :

Melih ESENBEL