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

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the acceptance of the British Visitor's Passport for travel between the United Kingdom and Portugal, including the Azores and Madeira. Lisbon, 24 and 27 February 1961**

*Official texts: English and Portuguese.*

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 16 August 1961.*

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

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'acceptation du passeport de visiteur britannique pour les voyages entre le Royaume-Uni et le Portugal, y compris les Açores et Madère. Lisbonne, 24 et 27 février 1961**

*Textes officiels anglais et portugais.*

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 16 août 1961.*

No. 5803. 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 PORTUGAL CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BRITISH VISITOR'S PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND PORTUGAL, INCLUDING THE AZORES AND MADEIRA. LISBON, 24 AND 27 FEBRUARY 1961

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*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Lisbon to the Portuguese Minister for Foreign Affairs*

BRITISH EMBASSY

Lisbon, February 24, 1961

No. 66

Your Excellency,

You will be aware that in connexion with the question of the simplification of frontier formalities the Council of Europe and the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation have recommended that Member countries of the Organisation should admit each other's nationals to their territory for visits of not more than three months on presentation of identity cards based on the standard form recognised by the Tourism Committee of the Organisation.

2. I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that, as identity cards are not issued to residents of the United Kingdom, a simplified form of passport known as the British Visitor's Passport will be available for issue from the 15th of March, 1961, to British subjects, citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies. A British Visitor's Passport will be valid for one year from the date of issue. An applicant for a British Visitor's Passport will not be required by the United Kingdom authorities to produce documentary evidence of his identity and national status, but he will be required to sign a declaration that he is a British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies. A specimen of the British Visitor's Passport is attached as an Annex<sup>2</sup> to this Note.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 15 March 1961, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> Not reproduced in the copies of the Agreement transmitted for registration.

3. I have now the honour to propose, on the instructions of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Portugal conclude an Agreement in the following terms.

(a) The Government of Portugal undertake to accept the British Visitor's Passport as a valid passport and to permit holders to enter and stay in Continental Portugal and the Adjacent Islands without the necessity of obtaining a visa and subject to the following conditions :

- (i) A visit to Continental Portugal and the Adjacent Islands shall not exceed three months and shall not be for employment.
- (ii) A visitor who enters Continental Portugal and the Adjacent Islands on presentation of a British Visitor's Passport and who subsequently obtains leave to stay longer than three months shall be required to obtain a passport bearing on the cover the inscription " British Passport " before the expiry of the three months' period.
- (iii) Holders of British Visitor's Passports proceeding to Continental Portugal and the Adjacent Islands shall not be exempt from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of Portugal relating to the entry and residence of foreigners. Travellers who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations may be refused leave to enter or to land.
- (iv) The right is reserved to the competent authorities of Portugal to refuse any person leave to enter or stay in Continental Portugal or the Adjacent Islands in any case where that person is otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the Government of Portugal relating to the entry or stay of foreigners.
- (v) The Government of Portugal may suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part temporarily for reasons of public policy and/or national security, and the suspension shall be notified immediately to the Government of the United Kingdom through the diplomatic channel.

(b) The Government of the United Kingdom undertake to take back into their territory at any time holders of British Visitor's Passports who have entered Continental Portugal and the Adjacent Islands.

4. If the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of Portugal, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense, should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the 15th of March, 1961 and remain in force for a period of one year and thereafter until either Government shall have given six months' written notice of termination to the other.

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a mencionada Nota de Vossa Excelência Nº. 66 e esta Nota de resposta como constituindo o Acordo entre os dois Governos sobre a matéria, o qual entrará em vigor em 15 de Março de 1961 e continuará vigorando pelo período de um ano e daí em diante até que qualquer dos Governos o tenha denunciado com seis meses de antecedência.

Aproveito, etc.

Marcello MATHIAS

[TRANSLATION<sup>1</sup> — TRADUCTION<sup>2</sup>]

Lisbon, February 27, 1961

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 66 of the 24th of February in which you proposed that an Agreement should be concluded concerning the British Visitor's Passport in the following terms :

[*See note I*]

In accordance with Your Excellency's proposal I have the honour to inform you that the Portuguese Government agree to regard Your Excellency's Note No. 66 together with this reply as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments on this matter, which shall enter into force on the 15th of March, 1961 and shall remain in force for a period of one year and thereafter until either Government shall have given six months' notice of termination.

I avail, etc.

Marcello MATHIAS

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<sup>1</sup> Translation by the Government of the United Kingdom.

<sup>2</sup> Traduction du Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni.