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

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning
the acceptance of the British Visitor's Passport for
travel between the United Kingdom and Italy. Rome,
21 February and 6 March 1961**

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
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**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'accepta-
tion du passeport de visiteur britannique pour les
voyages entre le Royaume-Uni et l'Italie. Rome, 21 fé-
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No. 5799. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BRITISH VISITOR'S PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ITALY. ROME, 21 FEBRUARY AND 6 MARCH 1961

I

Her Majesty's Ambassador at Rome to the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs

BRITISH EMBASSY

Rome, February 21, 1961

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 Annex² to this Note.

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 the Italian Republic conclude an Agreement in the following terms :

(a) The Government of the Italian Republic undertakes to accept the British Visitor's Passport as a valid passport and to permit holders to enter and stay in Italy subject to the following conditions :

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

² Not reproduced in the copies of the Agreement transmitted for registration.

- (i) A visit to Italy shall not exceed three months and shall not be for employment.
 - (ii) A visitor who enters Italy 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 Italy shall not be exempt from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of Italy 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 the Italian Republic to refuse any person leave to enter or stay in Italy in any case where that person is regarded as undesirable by those authorities or is otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the Government of the Italian Republic relating to the entry or stay of foreigners.
 - (v) The Government of the Italian Republic 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 Italy.

4. If the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Italian Republic, 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.

I avail, etc.

Ashley CLARKE

II

The Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Rome

[ITALIAN TEXT — TEXTE ITALIEN]

Roma, 6 marzo 1961

Signor Ambasciatore,

ho l'onore di accusare ricezione della Sua nota, in data 21 febbraio 1961, del seguente tenore :

« Vostra Eccellenza saprà che in relazione alla questione della semplificazione delle formalità di frontiera il Consiglio d'Europa e l'Organizzazione

« (v) Il Governo della Repubblica Italiana può sospendere temporaneamente le predette disposizioni per intero o in parte per motivi di ordine pubblico e di sicurezza nazionale, e di tale sospensione il Governo del Regno Unito sarà informato immediatamente attraverso i canali diplomatici.

« (b) Il Governo del Regno Unito s'impegna a riprendere nel suo territorio in qualsiasi momento i detentori del *British Visitor's Passport* che siano entrati in Italia.

« 4. Qualora le anzidette proposte fossero accettabili al Governo della Repubblica Italiana, ho l'onore di proporre che la presente Nota, insieme alla risposta di Vostra Eccellenza in tal senso, siano considerate come un Accordo fra i due Governi, che entrerà in vigore il 15 marzo 1961 e rimarrà in vigore per il periodo di un anno, e successivamente fino a quando uno dei due Governi non abbia dato all'altro Governo un preavviso di sei mesi della sua intenzione di terminare l'Accordo. »

Nel prendere atto della suddetta Nota, ho l'onore di informarLa che il Governo italiano accoglie di buon grado il provvedimento adottato da parte del Governo di S.M. Britannica e che il presente scambio di lettere viene considerato costitutivo di un accordo.

Mi è grato cogliere, etc.

SEJNI

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

Rome, March 6th, 1961

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of February 21st reading as follows :

[See note I]

In taking cognizance of the above Note, I have the honour to inform you that the Italian Government welcomes the measure adopted by Her Britannic Majesty's Government and that the present exchange of letters is regarded as constituting an agreement.

I avail, etc.

SEJNI

¹ Translation by the Government of the United Kingdom.

² Traduction du Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni.