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

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning  
the acceptance of the British Visitor's Passport for  
travel between the United Kingdom and Spain.  
Madrid, 15 February 1961**

*Official texts: English and Spanish.*

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16 August 1961.*

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

**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'Espagne. Madrid,  
15 février 1961**

*Textes officiels anglais et espagnol.*

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

No. 5805. 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 SPAIN CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BRITISH VISITOR'S PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SPAIN. MADRID, 15 FEBRUARY 1961

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*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Madrid to the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs*

BRITISH EMBASSY

Madrid, February 15, 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 Annex<sup>2</sup> 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

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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 Agreement transmitted for registration.

United Kingdom and the Government of Spain conclude an Agreement in the following terms :

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

- (i) A visit to Spain shall not exceed three months and shall not be for employment.
- (ii) A visitor who enters Spain 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 Spain shall not be exempt from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of Spain 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 Spain to refuse any person leave to enter or stay in Spain 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 Spain relating to the entry or stay of foreigners.
- (v) The Government of Spain 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 Spain.

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

5. I avail, etc.

George LABOUCHERE

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

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Madrid, February 15, 1961

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's note of to-day's date, the text of which in translation is as follows :

[*See note I*]

I have the honour to express to Your Excellency the agreement of the Spanish Government with the above terms.

I avail, etc.

Fernando CASTIELLA

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

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