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and
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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 6198. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN BELGIUM AND THE IVORY COAST CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC OR SERVICE PASSPORTS. ABIDJAN, 24 JANUARY AND 12 FEBRUARY 1962

I

Abidjan, 24 January 1962

Doss : 3.17
No. : 180

BELGIAN EMBASSY

Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Belgium is prepared to conclude with the Government of the Ivory Coast an agreement based upon the following provisions :

1. The Belgian Government shall waive the requirement of a visa for entry into Belgium, exit from Belgium and transit through Belgium in the case of Ivory Coast nationals holding a valid Ivory Coast diplomatic or service passport.
2. The Government of the Ivory Coast shall waive the requirement of a visa for entry into the Ivory Coast, exit from the Ivory Coast and transit through the Ivory Coast in the case of Belgian nationals holding a valid Belgian diplomatic or service passport.
3. The Belgian and Ivory Coast authorities reserve the right to refuse admission to their territories to any person whom they regard as undesirable.
4. Either Party may suspend the application of this Agreement temporarily for reasons of public order or security and the suspension shall be notified to the other Party immediately through the diplomatic channel.

If the Government of the Ivory Coast is prepared to conclude an agreement with the Government of Belgium in regard to the aforesaid provisions I have the honour to propose to your Excellency that this letter and a letter in similar terms which your Excellency will kindly send me shall constitute the agreement between our two Governments.

This Agreement shall enter into effect thirty days after the date of the reply from Your Excellency and shall remain in force for a period of one year. If it

¹ Came into force on 14 March 1962, thirty days after the date of the letter from the Government of the Ivory Coast, in accordance with the terms of the said letters.

is not denounced one month before the end of that period it shall be tacitly prolonged for an indefinite period. Either of the two Parties may denounce it after the first period of one year by giving three months' notice.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) G. WALRAVENS
Ambassador of Belgium

His Excellency Mr. F. Houphouet-Boigny
President of the Republic of the Ivory Coast
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Abidjan

II

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

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Abidjan, 12 February 1962

Sir,

In your letter No. 180 of 24 January 1962 Your Excellency kindly informed me that the Government of Belgium was prepared to conclude an agreement with the Government of the Ivory Coast concerning the movement in their respective territories of their nationals holding diplomatic or service passports.

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I agree to the terms stated in the above-mentioned letter and I request you to record my agreement on the following provisions :

[See letter I]

This Agreement shall enter into effect thirty days after the date of this letter and shall remain in force for a period of one year. If it is not denounced one month before the end of that period it shall be tacitly prolonged for an indefinite period. Either of the two Parties may denounce it after the first period of one year by giving three months' notice.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Felix HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY

His Excellency Mr. Gerard Walravens
Belgian Ambassador to the Ivory Coast