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**BELGIUM  
and  
ECUADOR**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement concerning  
the abolition of the travel visa requirement. Quito,  
10 January 1963**

*Official texts : French and Spanish.*

*Registered by Belgium on 3 April 1963.*

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**Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif à la sup-  
pression de l'obligation du visa de voyage. Quito,  
10 janvier 1963**

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*Enregistré par la Belgique le 3 avril 1963.*

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 6585. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN BELGIUM AND ECUADOR CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF THE TRAVEL VISA REQUIREMENT. QUITO, 10 JANUARY 1963

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I

LEGATION OF BELGIUM

Quito, 10 January 1963

C. 06.00.02  
No. 215

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, with a view to promoting tourist and trade relations between Belgium and Ecuador, I am instructed to propose the conclusion of an agreement based on the following provisions :

(1) Belgian nationals holding a valid national passport may enter, stay in and travel in transit through Ecuador, without the necessity of obtaining a visa.

(2) Ecuadorian nationals holding a valid national passport may enter, stay in and travel in transit through Belgium, without the necessity of obtaining a visa.

(3) Ecuadorian nationals wishing to remain in Belgium for more than three months must apply to the competent Belgian diplomatic or consular officer for a temporary residence permit and obtain it before departure.

(4) The abolition of the visa requirement shall not exempt Belgian and Ecuadorian nationals visiting Ecuador and Belgium respectively from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations concerning the entry and temporary or permanent residence of aliens and the carrying on by them of an independent gainful occupation or paid employment.

(5) It is agreed that the abolition of the travel visa shall also make it unnecessary to obtain an exit visa or to comply with any other formality in order to leave the two countries.

(6) Each party undertakes to readmit at any time and without formalities any persons who have entered the territory of the other Party under the provisions of this Agreement. This principle shall be applied even if their nationality should be called into question.

(7) The Belgian and Ecuadorian authorities reserve the right to refuse admission to their respective territories to any person whom they regard as undesirable.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 February 1963, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of the said letters.

(8) This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 February 1963.

(9) Each of the Parties may suspend it temporarily for reasons of public order or security, and the suspension shall be notified to the other Party immediately through the diplomatic channel.

(10) Either Party may denounce this Agreement on one month's notice.

(11) The present Agreement abrogates and supersedes the visa agreement between Belgium and Ecuador concluded by an exchange of letters dated at Quito on 20 March 1958.<sup>1</sup>

If the Ecuadorian Government is prepared to conclude with the Belgian Government an arrangement in conformity with the foregoing provisions, I propose that the present letter and your reply in similar terms should constitute the Agreement concluded between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, etc.

René THIMISTER  
Acting Chargé d'Affaires of Belgium

His Excellency Dr. Benjamín Peralta Páez  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Quito

## II

REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Quito, 10 January 1963

No. 2 ATJ/DC/DAO-T.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your note No. 215 of today's date, in which you inform me that, with a view to promoting tourist and trade relations between Ecuador and Belgium, your Government has instructed you to propose to the Government of Ecuador the conclusion of an Agreement on Visa Arrangements, in conformity with the following provisions :

[See letter I]

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 304, p. 207.

2. On behalf of the Government of Ecuador, inspired by the same high purposes as you expressed, and taking into consideration the Resolution passed in this connexion by the Senate of the Republic on 30 October 1962, I have the honour to agree to the conclusion of the proposed Agreement, in the terms set forth above.

3. Consequently, your note and the present note in reply constitute the Agreement on Visa Arrangements between the Ecuadorian and Belgian Governments.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Dr. Benjamín PERALTA PÁEZ  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr. René Thimister  
Acting Chargé d'Affaires of Belgium  
Quito