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**BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and NETHERLANDS  
and  
ISRAEL**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement concerning  
the abolition of the visa requirement. Jerusalem,  
27 November 1964**

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**Échange de lettres constituant un accord en vue de suppri-  
mer l'obligation du visa. Jérusalem, 27 novembre 1964**

*Texte officiel français.*

*Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 5 novembre 1965.*

## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 7968. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND THE NETHERLANDS, ON THE ONE HAND, AND ISRAEL, ON THE OTHER HAND, CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT. JERUSALEM, 27 NOVEMBER 1964

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## I

Jerusalem, 27 November 1964

No. 4745

Madam,

We have the honour to inform you that the Governments of the Benelux countries are prepared to conclude an agreement with the Israel Government in the following terms, which are submitted for your consideration :

The Governments of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the one hand, and the Government of Israel on the other hand, desiring to simplify the formalities relating to the movement of their nationals as much as possible and to bring them into line with the new regulations resulting from the transfer of control of persons to the external frontiers of Benelux territory,<sup>2</sup> have agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

Under the terms of this Agreement :

— “The Benelux countries” shall mean the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands ;

— “Benelux territory” shall mean the whole of the European territories of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

*Article 2*

Israel nationals who hold an Israel passport valid for the three Benelux countries need not obtain an entry visa, provided that in any year their stay in *all* the Benelux

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 8 December 1964, in accordance with article 10.

<sup>2</sup> See United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 374, p. 3.

countries does not exceed nine months and that their stay in each of the Benelux countries does not exceed three months in any period of six months.

### *Article 3*

Nationals of the Benelux countries who hold a Belgian, Luxembourg or Netherlands passport valid for Israel need not obtain an entry visa, provided that their stay in Israel does not exceed three months.

### *Article 4*

Israel nationals and nationals of the Benelux countries intending to remain for more than three months in one of the Benelux countries or in Israel respectively must, before their arrival, obtain the necessary authorization from the competent authorities of the country in which they intend to reside. Such authorization shall be granted free of charge.

### *Article 5*

Subject to the foregoing provisions, persons to whom this Agreement applies shall comply, in the country they visit, with the laws and regulations concerning the entry, temporary or permanent residence, or employment of aliens.

### *Article 6*

Each signatory Government reserves the right to refuse admission to its country to persons who are not in possession of the necessary passport or who do not have adequate means of subsistence or the possibility of acquiring them by legally authorized work or who are designated as undesirable or are deemed likely to prejudice public peace or policy or national security.

### *Article 7*

1. The Belgian, Luxembourg and Netherlands Governments undertake to readmit to their territories at any time and without formalities any of their nationals who have entered Israel.

2. The Government of Israel undertakes to readmit at any time and without formalities any of its nationals who have entered Benelux territory.

### *Article 8*

Each signatory Government reserves the right to suspend the application of this Agreement, with the exception of article 7, temporarily for reasons of public policy or national security after giving forty-eight hours' notice to the other Governments through the diplomatic channel.

Notice of suspension given by the Government of Israel to the Government of one of the Benelux countries shall be regarded as having been given also to the Governments of the other two countries.

#### Article 9

So far as the Kingdom of the Netherlands is concerned, this Agreement applies for the present exclusively to that Kingdom's territory in Europe. The application of the Agreement may, however, be extended to any other part of that Kingdom's territory by notice given in writing by the Netherlands Government to the Israel Government.

#### Article 10

This Agreement shall enter into force on 8 December 1964 for a term of one year. Unless it has been denounced thirty days before the expiry of this term, the Agreement shall be deemed to have been extended indefinitely. Each of the signatory Governments may denounce it on thirty days' notice to the Belgian Government after the initial one year term.

Denunciation by a single signatory Government shall entail the abrogation of the Agreement.

The Belgian Government shall advise the other signatory Governments of the receipt of the notices mentioned in this article.

#### Article 11

This Agreement supersedes the provisions of the agreements concluded between the Government of Israel on the one hand, and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium by exchanges of letters on 2 and 22 June 1954<sup>1</sup> and 12 and 15 April 1955,<sup>2</sup> the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg by exchanges of notes on 15 and 27 October 1954<sup>3</sup> and 24 and 30 March 1955,<sup>4</sup> and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands by exchanges of notes on 16 June 1953<sup>5</sup> (amended by exchange of notes on 27 November 1959) and 18 June 1953,<sup>6</sup> on the other hand.

If the Government of Israel is prepared to conclude an agreement with the Governments of the Benelux countries in conformity with the foregoing provisions, we have the honour to propose that this letter and your letters in reply in similar

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 196, p. 245.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 211, p. 43.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 226, p. 241.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 226, p. 247.

<sup>5</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 220, p. 93.

<sup>6</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 220, p. 99.

terms to each of us should constitute the Agreement concluded between the Government of Israel and the Governments of the Benelux countries.

Accept, Madam, the assurances of our highest consideration.

For the Government of Belgium :

(Signed) LEROY

Ambassador of Belgium

For the Government of the Netherlands :

(Signed) P. A. KASTEEL

Ambassador of the Netherlands

For the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg :

(Signed) P. A. KASTEEL

Ambassador of the Netherlands

Her Excellency Mrs. Golda Meir

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Jerusalem

## II

### MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Jerusalem, 27 November 1964

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to letter No. 4745 of 27 November 1964 signed by you on behalf of the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning the conclusion of an agreement between the Governments of the Benelux countries and the Government of Israel regarding the abolition of the entry visa, in the following terms :

[See letter I]

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Israel assents to the foregoing provisions and agrees that the letter of 27 November 1964 signed by you and this letter should constitute the Agreement concluded between the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the one hand, and the Government of Israel on the other hand.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Golda MEIR

His Excellency Dr. P. A. Kasteel

Ambassador of the Netherlands

Jerusalem