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**IRELAND  
and  
FRANCE**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement in regard to  
the mutual abolition of visas. Paris, 16 and 22 April 1947**

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**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la suppression  
des formalités de visa. Paris, 16 et 22 avril 1947**

*Texte officiel français.*

*Enregistré par l'Irlande le 7 février 1966.*

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

No. 8068. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO THE MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISAS. PARIS, 16 AND 22 APRIL 1947

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*From the French Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Irish Minister at Paris*

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL TREATIES

No. C.A.I.

Paris, 16th April, 1947

Mr. Minister,

I have the honour to inform you that the French Government is prepared to put into force, as from the 1st May next, the following measures :

(1) French citizens shall be free to travel to Ireland without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance provided that they are furnished with valid French passports.

(2) Irish nationals, holders of valid passports, shall be free to enter and leave Metropolitan France and Algeria, at any frontier, without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

(3) It will remain necessary to obtain a visa in advance for travel to the Overseas Territories, Colonies, Protectorates and territories under mandate or trusteeship of France.

(4) It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt French citizens and Irish nationals travelling respectively to Ireland and to Metropolitan France or Algeria, from the necessity of complying with the Irish and French laws and regulations regarding the entry, temporary sojourn or permanent residence, as well as the taking up of paid employment of aliens, and that persons concerned who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused authorisation to enter.

(5) French citizens and Irish nationals may reside in France and in Ireland without visa, under cover of their passports only, for a period which shall not exceed three con-

<sup>1</sup> Translation by the Government of Ireland.

<sup>2</sup> Traduction du Gouvernement de l'Irlande.

<sup>3</sup> Came into force on 1 May 1947, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

secutive months as from the day they cross the frontier, and provided that they do not take up any paid employment.

Please accept, etc.

For the Minister and by authority :

The Minister Plenipotentiary Director  
of Administrative and Social Treaties

P. J. P. CHEVILLOTTE

## II

*From the Irish Minister at Paris to the French Minister for Foreign Affairs*

### IRISH LEGATION

2/22 (5).

Paris, 22nd April, 1947

Mr. Minister,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. C.A.1 of the 16th April, in which you were so good as to inform me that the French Government is prepared to put into force, as from the 1st May next, the following measures with a view to the mutual abolition of the visa requirements between France and Ireland :

(1) Irish citizens, holders of valid passports, shall be free to enter and leave Metropolitan France and Algeria, at any frontier, without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

(2) French citizens shall be free to travel to Ireland without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance provided that they are furnished with valid French Passports.

(3) It will remain necessary to obtain a visa in advance for travel to the Overseas Territories, Colonies, Protectorates and territories under mandate or trusteeship of France.

(4) It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt French and Irish citizens, travelling respectively to Ireland and to Metropolitan France or Algeria, from the necessity of complying with the Irish and French laws and regulations regarding the entry, temporary sojourn or permanent residence, as well as the taking up of paid employment of aliens, and that persons concerned who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused authorisation to enter.

(5) French and Irish citizens may stay in France and in Ireland without visa, under cover of their passports only, for a period which shall not exceed three consecutive months, as from the day they cross the frontier, and provided that they do not take up any paid employment.

I have the honour to inform you that the Irish Government is in complete agreement with the proposals which you submit and that Your Excellency's Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement which shall take effect on 1st May next.

Please accept, etc.

Seán MURPHY  
Minister of Ireland

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