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**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the abolition of visas for holders of regular and official passports. Jerusalem, 23 February 1966**

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**Échange de notes constituant un accord dispensant de l'obligation du visa les titulaires de passeports ordinaires ou officiels. Jérusalem, 23 février 1966**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par Israël le 14 décembre 1966.*

No. 8446. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ICELAND CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF VISAS FOR HOLDERS OF REGULAR AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS. JERUSALEM, 23 FEBRUARY 1966

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MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Jerusalem, 23 February 1966

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that, to facilitate travel between our two countries, the Government of Israel is prepared to conclude with the Government of Iceland an Agreement in the following terms :

*Article 1*

For the purposes of this Agreement, "passport" shall mean a regular passport, or a diplomatic or service passport.

*Article 2*

Icelandic nationals, holders of passports valid for Israel, shall be exempt from the obligation of obtaining entry visas for a stay in Israel not exceeding three months.

*Article 3*

Israel nationals, holders of passports valid for Iceland, shall be exempt from the obligation of obtaining entry visas for a stay in Iceland not exceeding three months. This period of three months shall be calculated from the date of entry into any Nordic State being a Party to the Convention of 12 July 1957<sup>2</sup> concerning the waiver of passport control at the Inter-Nordic frontiers. Any sojourn in any of those States during the six months preceding the entry into any one of them from a non-Nordic State shall be deducted from the above period of three months.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 April 1966, in accordance with article 9.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol 322, p 245

*Article 4*

Nationals of Iceland and Israel who wish to stay in Israel or Iceland, respectively, for a period exceeding three months, including those appointed as members of the respective diplomatic missions or consular posts, shall obtain the necessary authorisation from the competent authorities of the country concerned. Such authorisation, when granted, shall be free of charge.

*Article 5*

Subject to the foregoing provisions, persons benefiting under this Agreement shall, while in Israel or Iceland, comply with the laws and regulations applicable to foreigners in respect of entry and residence, temporary or permanent, and shall not take up any employment, whether paid or unpaid, nor practise for personal profit any professional or commercial activity.

*Article 6*

The Governments of Iceland and Israel reserve the right to refuse admission to persons not possessing a valid passport or lacking adequate means of subsistence or the possibility of acquiring them by legally authorised employment, or designated as undesirable or considered likely to endanger the public peace, public order, public health, or national security.

*Article 7*

(a) The Government of Israel undertakes to readmit to its territory, at any time and without formalities, any of its nationals who have entered Iceland.

(b) The Government of Iceland undertakes to readmit to its territory, at any time and without formalities, any of its nationals who have entered Israel.

*Article 8*

The Governments of Iceland and Israel reserve the right temporarily to suspend the application of this Agreement, except Article 7 thereof, for reasons of public order or national security, by giving the other Government immediate notice through diplomatic channels

*Article 9*

This Agreement shall come into force on 1 April 1966, for a period of one year. Unless notice of termination is given, through diplomatic channels, thirty days before the expiration of such period, it shall be deemed to be extended indefinitely. Either Party to this Agreement, however, may terminate it after the first year of its operation by giving to the other Party thirty days' advance notice through diplomatic channels, and the Agreement shall terminate on the ninetieth day from the date of such notice.

*Article 10*

This Agreement abrogates the Agreement concluded between the Government of Iceland and the Government of Israel by exchange of letters of 28 and 29 December 1955<sup>1</sup> concerning the abolition of visa fees

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of Iceland, it is suggested that this Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of Iceland and the Government of Israel.

I avail myself, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, of this opportunity to reiterate to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency Mr. Hans G. Andersen  
Ambassador of Iceland in Israel

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AMBASSADE D'ISLANDE<sup>2</sup>

Jerusalem, February 23, 1966

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of to-day's date reading as follows :

[See note I]

I have the honour to confirm that the contents of Your Excellency's Note are acceptable to the Government of Iceland.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

H. G. ANDERSEN

His Excellency Mr. Abba Eban  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Jerusalem

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 227, p. 147

<sup>2</sup> Embassy of Iceland.