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I

From the Irish Ambassador at London to the Greek Chargé d'Affaires at London

5th June, 1956

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, with a view to facilitating travel between Ireland and Greece, the Irish Government are prepared to conclude an agreement with the Greek Government in the following terms :

1. Irish citizens, holding valid Irish passports, may enter Greece without a visa provided they do not propose to engage in paid employment.
2. Greek citizens, holding valid Greek passports, may enter Ireland without a visa provided they do not propose to engage in paid employment.
3. The abolition of the visa requirement does not dispense Irish citizens and Greek citizens, proceeding to Greece and Ireland respectively, from the obligation of complying with the Greek and Irish laws and regulations regarding the entry, short sojourn, residence, employment or occupation of aliens.
4. This agreement shall not affect the rights of the competent authorities of the two countries to refuse admission to, or to expel, any person who may be regarded as undesirable or who cannot satisfy the said authorities that he complies with the laws and regulations referred to in sub-paragraph 3 above.
5. This agreement will come into force on the 15th June 1956 and will remain in operation unless either Government requests that it be altered or abrogated, in which event at least one month's notice shall be given to the other Government.
6. The agreement may be suspended temporarily by either Government for reasons connected with public order or health; notification of such suspension shall be conveyed to the other Government with the minimum of delay, and if practicable, in advance.

¹ Came into force on 15 June 1956, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of the said notes.

If the Greek Government are prepared to accept the foregoing provision, I have the honour to suggest that this Note and your reply, in similar terms, should be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my high consideration.

F. H. BOLAND

II

From the Greek Chargé d'Affaires at London to the Irish Ambassador at London

5th June, 1956

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the proposals contained in your Note are acceptable to the Royal Hellenic Government and that they agree that your Note and this reply shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

G. BENSIS