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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KING-
DOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
COSTA RICA CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF VISAS

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*Her Majesty's Ambassador at San José to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Costa Rica*

22/1 (16)

BRITISH EMBASSY

San José, 12 November, 1968

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that, with a view to facilitating travel between the United Kingdom and Costa Rica, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are prepared to conclude with the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica an agreement in the following terms :

(a) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (c) and (f) below Costa Rican nationals holding valid Costa Rican passports shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, without the necessity of obtaining a visa.

(b) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (c) and (f) below British subjects holding valid passports bearing on the cover the inscription " British Passport " at the top and, at the bottom, the inscription " United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland " or " Jersey " or " Guernsey and its Dependencies " or " Isle of Man ", and, inside, the description of the holder's national status as " British subject " or " British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies ", or " British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom, Islands and Colonies ", shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Costa Rica without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance and to leave Costa Rica within ninety days without being required to obtain an exit visa.

(c) The waiver of the visa requirement shall not exempt Costa Rican nationals proceeding to the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, or British subjects proceeding to Costa Rica, from the necessity of complying with

¹ Came into force on 19 December 1968, i.e. thirty days after the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

the respective laws and regulations of these territories concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners. Travellers who are unable to satisfy the immigration authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to enter or to land.

(d) Costa Rican nationals normally resident in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, shall not be required to obtain a re-entry visa to the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man on return from travel outside these territories.

(e) British subjects in possession of passports as defined in sub-paragraph (b) above and normally resident in Costa Rica shall not be required to obtain a re-entry visa on return from travel outside Costa Rica.

(f) The competent authorities of the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man and of Costa Rica reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in their territory in any case where the person concerned is undesirable or otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the respective Governments relating to the entry of aliens.

(g) Either Government may suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part temporarily for reasons of public policy. Any such suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Government through the diplomatic channel.

(h) Costa Rican nationals travelling to territories for the international relations of which the Government of the United Kingdom are responsible other than those referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above or British subjects not in possession of passports as defined in sub-paragraph (b) above shall not come within the scope of the agreement.

2. If the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of Costa Rica, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments in this matter, which shall enter into force thirty days after the date of Your Excellency's Note in reply and shall thereafter be subject to termination by either Government giving thirty days' notice in writing to the other.

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

I. M. HURRELL

[TRANSLATION ¹ — TRADUCTION ²]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

San José, 19 November, 1968

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note No. 22/1 (16) of 12 November 1968, which is written in the following terms :

[*See note I*]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of Costa Rica, who therefore agree that Your Excellency's Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement in this matter between the two Governments.

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

Fernando LARA

¹ Translation by the Government of the United Kingdom.

² Traduction du Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni.