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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND MAURITIUS RELATING TO
VISAS

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EMBASSY OF ISRAEL

Ref. No. A/421

Port Louis, 15th May, 1969

Your Excellency,

Following negotiations between the Prime Minister's Office (External Affairs Division) and the Embassy of Israel, I have the honour to propose an agreement between the Government of Israel and the Government of Mauritius regarding the reciprocal abolition of transit and visitors' visas, in the following terms :

The Government of Israel on the one part and the Government of Mauritius on the other part, desirous of simplifying, as much as possible, the formalities relative to the movement of their respective nationals, have agreed as follows :

Article 1

Mauritian nationals, holders of passports valid for Israel, shall be exempt from the obligation of obtaining transit visas, or visitors' visas for a stay in Israel not exceeding three months.

Article 2

Israel nationals, holders of passports valid for Mauritius shall be exempt from the obligation of obtaining transit visas, or visitors' visas for a stay in Mauritius not exceeding three months.

Article 3

Nationals of Mauritius and Israel who wish to stay in Israel or Mauritius, respectively, for a period exceeding three months shall obtain the necessary authorisation from the competent authorities of the country concerned. Such authorisation shall be free of charge.

Article 4

Subject to the foregoing provisions, persons benefiting under this Agreement shall, while in Israel or Mauritius, comply with the laws and regulations applicable to foreigners

¹ Came into force on 13 August 1969, 90 days after the date of the said exchange of notes, in accordance with article 7.

in respect of entry and residence, temporary or permanent; and shall not take up any employment, whether paid or unpaid, nor exercise for personal profit any professional or commercial activity.

Article 5

The Governments of Mauritius 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.

- a. The Government of Israel undertakes to readmit to its territory, at any time and without formalities, any of its nationals who have entered Mauritius.
- b. The Government of Mauritius undertakes to readmit to its territory, at any time and without formalities any of its nationals who have entered Israel.

Article 6

The Governments of Mauritius and Israel reserve the right temporarily to suspend the application of this Agreement, except Article 5 thereof, for reasons of public order or national security, by giving the other Government immediate notice through diplomatic channels.

Article 7

This Agreement shall come into force ninety days after the date of the Exchange of Letters 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.

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

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

Zvi LOKER
Ambassador of Israel to Mauritius

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PRIME MINISTER

MAURITIUS

No. 2932/27

Port Louis, 15th May, 1969

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of to-day's date in the following terms :

[*See note I*]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Mauritius is in agreement with the foregoing.

I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

S. RAMGOOLAM

Prime Minister and
Minister for External AffairsHis Excellency Mr. Zvi Loker
Ambassador for Israel
Port Louis