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and  
GREECE**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to  
visas. Athens, 14 and 26 February 1969**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND GREECE RELATING TO VISAS

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I

ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

No. 400

Athens, 14 February 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Israel, with a view to strengthening relations between our two countries, is prepared to conclude with the Government of Greece an Agreement relating to the abolition of entry visas between the Kingdom of Greece and the State of Israel in the following terms :

*Article I*

The Government of the State of Israel shall exempt from entry visa requirements Greek nationals holding valid passports, while in transit or visiting Israel, if their stay does not exceed three months and provided they do not accept work in Israel.

The Government of Greece shall exempt from entry visa requirements Israeli nationals holding valid passports, while in transit or visiting Greece, if their stay does not exceed three months and provided they do not accept work in Greece.

*Article II*

Israeli nationals visiting Greece and Greek nationals visiting Israel who wish to extend their stay beyond three months shall be required to submit to the competent authorities of the country visited, before the end of the period of their stay, a request for authorization to extend their stay, which if granted, shall be subject to a charge.

*Article III*

The Government of the State of Israel shall exempt from entry visa requirements Greek nationals holding valid diplomatic or service passports and the Government of

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 28 March 1969, thirty days after the receipt of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

Greece shall exempt from entry visa requirements Israeli nationals holding valid diplomatic or service passports.

#### *Article IV*

Each Contracting Party shall authorize the unrestricted entry into its territory of seamen holding an identity document (seaman's book), if the seamen in question :

- (a) Are travelling to join the vessel on which they are to be engaged;
- (b) Are in transit for the purpose of joining their vessel in a third country, or for repatriation purposes;
- (c) Are travelling for any other reason approved by the Party concerned.

Each Contracting Party may limit the length of stay of the seamen in question in its territory to a period which is considered adequate for any of the purposes referred to above.

#### *Article V*

Subject to the above provisions, the beneficiaries of this Agreement shall be required to comply with the laws and regulations in force in each of the contracting countries in respect of temporary or permanent sojourn and professional activities.

#### *Article VI*

Each of the signatories reserves the right to refuse admission to or permission to remain in its territory to persons whom it considers undesirable or who have contravened this Agreement.

#### *Article VII*

Each of the signatories reserves the right temporarily to suspend the application of this Agreement as a whole or in part for reasons of public order or national security. Immediate notice of such suspension, as well as revocation of the suspension, shall be given to the other State through the diplomatic channel.

#### *Article VIII*

Denunciation of the Agreement by either Contracting Party shall result in its abrogation, which shall take effect three months after notification of the denunciation.

Your letter expressing agreement to the above provisions shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments and that agreement shall enter into force thirty days after receipt of your letter.

Accept, Sir, etc.

Y. CAROZ  
Diplomatic Representative of Israel

His Excellency Mr. Panayotis Pipinelis  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Athens

## II

## ROYAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. H 60165-39

Athens, 26 February 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 400 of 14 February 1969 which reads as follows :

[*See note I*]

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Greece accepts the above proposal and that, consequently, your letter, together with this reply, shall constitute an agreement on this subject between our two Governments.

Accept, Sir, etc.

Panayotis PIPINELIS

Mr. Y. Caroz  
Diplomatic Representative of Israel  
Athens

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