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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMON-
WEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND ON VISAS AND VISA
FEES

I

ICELANDIC EMBASSY
LONDON S.W.1

29th April, 1969

Ref : 31 P.4

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to previous correspondence concerning visas and visa fees, and to inform you that the Government of Iceland is prepared to enter into an Agreement with the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, expressed in the following terms:

Icelandic citizens holding valid Icelandic passports who desire to enter Australia, whether temporarily or permanently, and whose entry into Australia has been approved will receive visas free of charge from the appropriate visa — issuing authorities; such visas in the case of Icelandic citizens proceeding to Australia for purposes other than permanent residence, will be made valid for a period of twelve months and good for an unlimited number of journeys to Australia within that period.

2. (a) Australian citizens possessing valid Australian passports who desire to enter Iceland as bona fide non-immigrants may enter Iceland without a visa. Those who wish to stay in Iceland for more than three months after their entry into one of the countries party to the Convention between Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway dated 12th July, 1957,² to which Iceland has acceded with effect from 1st January, 1966, regarding the abolition of Passport Control at Inter-Nordic Boundaries, from a country not a party to the said Convention shall apply for a residence permit in Iceland;

(b) The time limit of three months will be calculated from the date of a person's last entry into any one of the Nordic countries party to the above-named Conven-

¹ Came into force on 1 May 1969, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 322, p. 245.

tion, provided, however, that a visitor who, during the six months immediately preceding any such entry, has been staying in any other of the Nordic Countries party to the said Convention will have such period of stay deducted from the said period of three months.

3. The present Agreement shall enter into force on May 1st, 1969, and shall remain in force until three months after the day on which either party notifies the other in writing of its desire to terminate it.

4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood :

- (a) that the above-mentioned provisions do not exempt Icelandic citizens entering Australia and Australian citizens entering Iceland from the necessity of complying with the Australian and Icelandic laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence, whether temporary or permanent, and employment of aliens ; and
- (b) that travellers who are unable to satisfy the appropriate immigration authorities that they comply with the laws and regulations referred to in the immediately preceding sub-paragraph, are liable to be refused permission to enter or land.

If the above-mentioned provisions are acceptable to your Government, I have the honour to propose that the present Note and Your Excellency's reply thereto be regarded as constituting an Agreement on the matter between our two Governments.

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

[*Illegible — Illisible*]¹

Ambassador

His Excellency The Honourable Sir Alexander Downer, K.B.E.
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Australia House, Strand, W.C.2

II

29th April, 1969

Your Excellency,

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

[*See note I*]

¹ Gudmundur I. Gudmundsson.

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and I agree that Your Excellency's Note of today's date together with the present reply, shall be deemed to constitute and evidence an Agreement between our two Governments to that end.

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

A. R. DOWNER

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