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AGREEMENT¹ ON THE ABOLITION OF VISAS BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM,
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF
LUXEMBURG AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS ON THE ONE
HAND, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA ON
THE OTHER

The Governments of the Benelux countries, acting jointly under the Agreement between the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands signed at Brussels on 11 April 1960² concerning the transfer of immigration control to the outer frontiers of Benelux, and

The Government of Jamaica,

Desirous of further simplifying the travel formalities for their respective nationals and of adapting them to the situation that has arisen as a result of the transfer of immigration control to the outer frontiers of Benelux,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

In this Agreement the term "Benelux countries" shall mean: the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands; the term "Benelux territory" shall mean; the joint territories in Europe of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Article 2

Nationals of the Benelux countries who are holders of a valid national passport may, irrespective of the point of their departure, enter Jamaica without a visa and stay for a period not exceeding three months. No guaranty

¹ Came into force on 1 December 1970, in accordance with article 10 (1). In accordance with article 9, the Agreement was extended to Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles by an exchange of notes dated 7 October 1970, with effect from 1 December 1970.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 374, p. 3.

shall be demanded, and the valid national passport shall also be the sole document required when leaving that country.

Article 3

Nationals of Jamaica who are holders of a valid national passport may, irrespective of the point of their departure, enter Benelux territory without a visa and stay for a period not exceeding three months. No guaranty shall be demanded, and the valid national passport shall also be the sole document required when leaving that territory.

Article 4

For a stay exceeding three months or for entry for the purpose of engaging in remunerative employment, nationals of one of the contracting parties shall, before their arrival in the receiving territory, obtain the necessary visa or permission through the diplomatic or consular representative of the country they wish to enter.

Article 5

Nationals of the Benelux countries residing in Jamaica with the approval of the competent authorities of Jamaica and nationals of Jamaica residing in any of the Benelux countries with the approval of the competent authorities in the Benelux countries may leave their country of residence and return to it without a visa on presentation of a valid national passport. No guaranty shall be demanded.

Article 6

Each Government reserves the right to refuse to admit to its territory any person not holding the documents required for entry or lacking sufficient means of support or unable to acquire such means by engaging in lawful occupations, or to refuse to admit persons regarded as undesirable aliens or whose presence in the country is regarded as prejudicial to law and order or national security.

Article 7

The present Agreement shall not affect the aliens regulations in force in the Benelux countries and in Jamaica governing entry, length of stay,

residence, expulsion and any form of occupation, except in respect of the foregoing provisions.

Article 8

Each Government undertakes to re-admit without formality into its territory.

a) its nationals who have entered the territory of the other Contracting Party;

b) any holder of one of the documents specified in Articles 2 and 3 and issued by it, even in the case of a person whose nationality is doubtful.

Article 9

As far as the Kingdom of the Netherlands is concerned the present Agreement shall for the time being only apply to the territory of the Kingdom in Europe. The Agreement may, however, be extended to any of the other parts of the Kingdom by means of an Exchange of Notes between the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of Jamaica.

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of Jamaica may, subject to the provisions of articles 10 and 11, terminate the application of the Agreement to any of the parts of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, referred to in the second sentence of this article, at three months' notice, of their intention to do so.

Article 10

This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 December, 1970, for a period of one year. If the Agreement has not been denounced thirty days before the expiry of that period, it shall be deemed to have been renewed indefinitely. After the first period of one year each signatory Government may denounce the Agreement by giving thirty days' notice to the Belgian Government.

The Agreement shall cease to be effective if one of the signatory Governments denounces it.

The Belgian Government shall inform the other signatory Governments of the receipt of the thirty days' notice referred to in this article.

Article 11

With the exception of article 8 the operation of this Agreement may be suspended by any Contracting Party.

The Belgian Government shall be notified forthwith of such suspension through the diplomatic channel. The Belgian Government shall inform the other signatory Governments of the receipt of such notification. The same procedure shall be adopted when the suspension is lifted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised, thereto, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Kingston in Jamaica on this 7th day of October, 1970, in four original copies in the English language.

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Belgium:

[Signed]

JACQUES GROOTHAERT
Ambassador for Belgium

For Jamaica:

[Signed]

H. L. SHEARER
Prime Minister and
Minister of External Affairs

For the Government
of the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg:

[Signed]

MICHIEL P. GORSIRA
Ambassador for the Kingdom
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