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[TRANSLATION—TRADUCTION]

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF
BELGIUM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
HAITI CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF THE VISA RE-
QUIREMENT

I

REPUBLIC OF HAITI
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Port-au-Prince, 2 June 1972

Sir,

With a view to promoting the relations between our two countries, and in accordance with the talks held between the Haitian Chancellery and the Royal Belgian Embassy on the subject of the abolition of the visa requirement between nationals of Haiti and nationals of Belgium, I have the honour to propose that we should agree on the following provisions as the terms of an Agreement between the two Parties:

1. Belgian nationals holding a valid national passport may enter, stay for a period of three months in and travel in transit through Haiti without being required to obtain a visa, irrespective of the country of departure.
2. Haitian nationals holding a valid national passport may enter, stay for a period of three months in and travel in transit through Belgium without being required to obtain a visa, irrespective of the country of departure.
3. Belgian nationals wishing to remain in Haiti for more than three months must apply to the competent Haitian diplomatic or consular officer for a non-immigrant or residence visa and obtain it before departure.
4. Haitian nationals wishing to remain in Belgium for more than three months must apply to the competent Belgian diplomatic or consular officer for a temporary residence permit and obtain it before departure.
5. The abolition of the Haitian transit and tourist visa requirement and the Belgian travel visa requirement shall not exempt Belgian and Haitian nationals visiting Haiti and Belgium respectively from the obligation to comply with the laws and regulations concerning the entry and temporary or permanent residence of aliens and the carrying on by them of an independent gainful occupation or paid employment.
6. It is agreed that the abolition of the Haitian transit and tourist visas and of the Belgian travel visa shall also make it unnecessary to obtain an exit visa or to comply with any other formality in order to leave either country.
7. Each Party undertakes to readmit at any time and without formalities any persons who have entered the territory of the other Party under the provisions of this Agreement.
8. The Belgian and Haitian authorities reserve the right to refuse admission to their respective territories to any person whom they regard as undesirable.
9. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the present exchange of letters.

¹ Came into force on 2 June 1972 by the exchange of the said letters.

10. Either Party may suspend it temporarily for reasons of public policy or security, and the suspension shall be notified to the other Party immediately through the diplomatic channel.

11. Either Party may denounce this Agreement on one month's notice.

Accept, Sir, etc.

[Signed]

Dr. ADRIEN RAYMOND
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
and Worship

His Excellency Baron P. de Gaiffier d'Hestroy
Ambassador of Belgium
Port-au-Prince

II

BELGIAN EMBASSY
PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

Port-au-Prince, 2 June 1972

No. 489/COO-90 (Haiti)

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated in Port-au-Prince on 2 June 1972, in which you propose the conclusion of an agreement abolishing the travel visa requirement for Belgian nationals visiting Haiti and Haitian nationals visiting Belgium.

I take pleasure in informing you that the Belgian Government is prepared to conclude an agreement with the Haitian Government on the subject in the following terms, which are identical to those proposed by you.

[See note I]

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter of the same date should constitute an Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Haiti and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium.

Accept, Sir, etc.

[Signed]

Baron P. DE GAIFFIER D'HESTROY
Ambassador of Belgium

His Excellency Dr. Adrien Raymond
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Port-au-Prince

This reply and your letter dated 2 June shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of Haiti and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium.

Baron P. DE GAIFFIER D'HESTROY
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