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**PHILIPPINES  
and  
ICELAND**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement on the reciprocal abolition of non-immigrant visa requirements.  
London, 6 August and 2 September 1974**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered by the Philippines on 15 January 1976.*

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ISLANDE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'abolition de la formalité de visa pour les non-immigrants. Londres, 6 août et 2 septembre 1974**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré par les Philippines le 15 janvier 1976.*

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND ON THE RECIPROCAL ABOLITION OF NON-IMMIGRANT VISA REQUIREMENTS

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ICELANDIC EMBASSY

London, 6th August, 1974

Ref: 31.P.1.

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the proposal of my Government for an Agreement with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines on the abolition of non-immigrant visa requirements and to suggest the following provisions:

1. Citizens of Iceland holding valid Icelandic passports shall be free to enter the Philippines as tourists or for business purposes at any authorized port of entry and stay in the country for a maximum period of fifty-nine days (59) without the necessity of obtaining a visa.

2. Citizens of the Philippines holding valid Philippine passports shall be free to enter Iceland as tourists or for business purposes at any authorized port of entry and stay in the country for a maximum period of three months (3) without the necessity of obtaining a visa. This period shall be determined from the date of entry into any Nordic State being a party to the Convention of July 12, 1957,<sup>2</sup> on the waiver of passport control at the inter-Nordic frontiers. Any sojourn in any of these States during the six months preceding the entry into any of said States from a non-Nordic State shall be included in the period of three (3) months.

3. The foregoing waiver of visa requirements does not exempt Icelandic citizens entering the Philippines and Philippine citizens entering Iceland from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of the host country concerning the taking of employment or the exercise of any profession, with or without compensation.

4. Each Party reserves the right to refuse entry or stay in its territory to citizens of the other who may be considered undesirable.

5. During the effectivity of the proposed Agreement, each Party may suspend it temporarily, in whole or in part, for reasons of public order, which suspension shall be notified immediately to the other through diplomatic channels.

6. Each Party may denounce the Agreement by notifying the other in writing. The denunciation shall take effect three (3) months after the receipt of the notification.

7. This proposed Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 1975.

If the provisions are acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, I have the honour to propose that this note and Your Excellency's reply concurring therein shall constitute an Agreement between our two countries.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 January 1975, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 322, p. 245.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

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Ambassador of Iceland

His Excellency the Honourable Jaime Zobel de Ayala  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Embassy of the Philippines  
London

II

2 September 1974

No. PAA-116

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note dated 6th August 1974, which reads as follows:

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Philippine Government accepts the aforementioned provisions and agrees that your note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

JAIME ZOBEL DE AYALA  
Ambassador

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