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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN FINLAND AND KENYA CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT

I

*The Ambassador of Finland in Nairobi to the Minister
for Foreign Affairs of Kenya*

Nairobi, 14th May 1982

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Finland is prepared with a view to facilitating travel between Finland and the Republic of Kenya as well as with regard to the Convention of July 12, 1957, concerning the waiver of passport control at the Inter-Nordic frontiers² to conclude an Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Kenya on the following terms:

1. Finnish citizens holding valid Finnish passport shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the Republic of Kenya and to stay therein for a period not exceeding three months without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

2. Citizens of the Republic of Kenya holding valid Kenyan passports shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Finland and to stay therein for a period not exceeding three months without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance. This period of three months shall be calculated from the date of entry into any Nordic State being a Party to the Convention of July 12, 1957, concerning 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 Finland shall be included in the above mentioned period of three months.

3. It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirements does not exempt Finnish citizens and citizens of the Republic of Kenya coming to the Republic of Kenya and to Finland, respectively, from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of the Republic of Kenya and of Finland concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners.

4. The competent authorities of each country reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in the country to persons considered undesirable.

5. The present Agreement shall enter into force on July 1, 1982. The Agreement may be denounced by either Government subject to two months' notice in writing. Either Government may suspend the foregoing provisions, in whole or in part, temporarily for reasons of public order and such suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Government through the diplomatic channel.

If the foregoing provisions are acceptable to Your Government, I would propose that the present note together with Your Excellency's note in reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

RAIMO SALMI
Ambassador

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1982, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

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

II

*The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kenya to the Ambassador
of Finland in Nairobi*

Nairobi, 4th June 1982

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note No. 3145 dated 14th May 1982 which reads as follows:

[*See note I*]

I confirm that the proposals contained in your letter reproduced above are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Kenya and that my present reply constitutes an agreement between our two Governments in this matter.

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

ROBERT J. OUKO
Minister for Foreign Affairs
