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**SWEDEN  
and  
HOLY SEE**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement on the establishment of diplomatic relations. Vatican City, 12 July 1982, and Stockholm, 26 July 1982**

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**SUÈDE  
et  
SAINT-SIÈGE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'établissement de relations diplomatiques. Cité du Vatican, 12 juillet 1982, et Stockholm, 26 juillet 1982**

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## EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE HOLY SEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

### I

#### CONSILIIUM PRO PUBLICIS ECCLESIAE NEGOTIIS

No. 4021/82

The Council for the Public Affairs of the Church presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden and, with reference to the Note of 30 June 1982, has the honour to communicate that the Holy See is happy to express its agreement with the proposal of the Swedish Government to establish diplomatic relations at the level of Embassy on the part of Sweden and of Apostolic Nunciature on the part of the Holy See. The Swedish Ambassador to the Holy See and the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio will hold precedence within the Diplomatic Corps in accordance with the ordinary rules of international law.

The Holy See would also like to have the agreement of the Swedish Government on the following points:

1. The Holy See accepts that the Ambassador of Sweden need not reside in Rome and can be accredited concurrently to other Governments or International Organizations; the person accredited as Ambassador to the Italian Government, however, shall not be accredited concurrently as Ambassador to the Holy See.

2. The Apostolic Pro-Nuncio accredited to the Swedish Government will not necessarily reside in Stockholm and may also be accredited concurrently to other Governments or exercise the functions of an Apostolic Delegate for the Catholic communities of other countries.

The Holy See trusts that the official relations established with Sweden will be of advantage to both parties and will strengthen the bonds of collaboration and friendship between them on both the national and international level.

The Holy See feels certain that, in the context of religious freedom happily existing in Sweden, the Catholic Church will continue to make its contribution to the good of the national community in the spiritual, cultural and social fields.

The Council for the Public Affairs of the Church encloses with this Note the draft of a joint communiqué for simultaneous publication in Sweden and in Vatican City on a date to be agreed.

The Council for the Public Affairs of the Church avails itself of this opportunity to extend to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden the assurance of its highest consideration.

From the Vatican, 12 July 1982

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Kingdom of Sweden  
Stockholm

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 2 August 1982, the date agreed upon by the Parties, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

## II

## MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Council for the Public Affairs of the Church and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Council's Note No. 4021/82 of 12 July 1982, concerning the establishment of diplomatic relations between Sweden and the Holy See.

The Ministry is pleased to inform the Council that the Swedish Government is in full agreement with the modalities and conditions mentioned in the aforesaid Note as well as to the wording of the proposed Joint Communiqué.

Furthermore, the Ministry is pleased to inform the Council that as to the issuing of the Communiqué, which should be published by the Swedish Government and by the Holy See simultaneously, the date preferred would be 2 August 1982, such date to be considered as the date of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two States.

The Ministry would appreciate being informed whether the Council is in a position to agree to this proposal.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to extend to the Council for the Public Affairs of the Church the assurance of its highest consideration.

Stockholm, 26 July 1982

The Council for the Public Affairs of the Church

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