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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF VISAS

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*Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy at Warsaw to the Ministry
of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland*

BRITISH EMBASSY
WARSAW

17 June 1992

Note No. 147

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland and have the honour to propose the following:

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with a view to facilitating travel between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Poland are prepared to conclude an agreement with the Government of the Republic of Poland in the following terms:

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of this Note, British nationals holding valid British passports showing that the holder is a British citizen, or otherwise has the right of abode in the United Kingdom, or is entitled to readmission to the United Kingdom, shall be free to travel to the Republic of Poland without the necessity of first obtaining a visa on their passports. British nationals wishing to stay in the Republic of Poland for longer than the period for which they are given leave to enter shall make an application to the competent Republic of Poland authorities.

2. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this Note, Polish nationals holding valid Polish passports shall be free to travel to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man without the necessity of first obtaining a visa on their passports. Polish nationals wishing to stay in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for longer than the period for which they are given leave to enter shall make an application to the competent United Kingdom authorities.

3. The waiver of the visa requirement shall not exempt British nationals proceeding to the Republic of Poland nor Polish nationals proceeding to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man from the necessity of complying with the respective laws

¹ Came into force by the exchange of notes, with effect from 1 July 1992, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

and regulations concerning the entry and residence (temporary or permanent) of foreigners and their participation, whether on a self/employed or salaried basis, in gainful activity. Travellers who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to enter or stay in the respective territories.

4. The posting of staff having diplomatic or consular rank and their dependants to the embassy or Consular offices of one of the Contracting Parties for longer than six months shall require prior notification to the diplomatic mission of the other Contracting Party at least one month prior to their proposed arrival for the issue of an entry clearance. Other nationals of the state of one of the Contracting Parties intending to come to the territory of the state of the other Contracting Party for employment by their government, or for other employment for which a work permit is not required, and their dependants, shall be required to apply for entry clearance to the diplomatic mission of the other Contracting Party at least one month prior to their proposed arrival.

5. The competent authorities of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man and of the Republic of Poland reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in their territory in any case where the person concerned is considered undesirable or otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the respective governments relating to the entry or stay of foreigners.

6. Polish nationals travelling to territories not referred to in paragraph 2 above for the international relations of which the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are responsible shall not come within the scope of this agreement.

7. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or the Government of the Republic of Poland may temporarily suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part for reasons of public policy. In any such case the suspension and the lifting of that suspension shall be notified to the other government through the diplomatic channel and shall have effect immediately upon such notification.

8. This agreement may be terminated by either of the Parties on giving 30 (thirty) days' advance notice in writing to the other.

If the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Poland, the Embassy has the honour to suggest that the present Note and the Ministry's reply shall constitute an agreement concerning the abolition of visas between the two governments and shall enter into force on 1 July 1992.

The Embassy avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland the assurances of their highest consideration.

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland
to Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy at Warsaw*

Warsaw
23 June 1992

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland presents its compliments to the Embassy of Great Britain in Warsaw and has the honour to confirm receipt of the Embassy's Note No. 147 of 17 June 1991 whose content is as follows:

[*See note I*]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland confirms the agreement of the Government of the Republic of Poland to the proposal put forward.

The Embassy's Note together with this reply to it thus constitute an agreement between the two Governments which enters into force on 1 July 1992.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Great Britain the assurances of its high consideration.

¹ Translation supplied by the Government of the United Kingdom.

² Traduction fournie par le Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni.