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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
and  
PORTUGAL**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning  
the abolition of visas between Bermuda and Portugal.  
London, 19 March and 17 April 1991**

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
et  
PORTUGAL**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la suppression  
de visas entre les Bermudes et le Portugal. Londres,  
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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF VISAS BETWEEN BERMUDA AND PORTUGAL

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*The Ambassador of Portugal at London to the Secretary of State  
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*

PORTUGUESE EMBASSY  
LONDON

19 March 1991

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, taking into account the interest to facilitate travelling between Portugal and Bermuda, the Portuguese Government proposes to Her Majesty's Government a Visa Abolition Agreement in the following terms:

1. Except as provided in paragraph 4, Portuguese citizens with a valid Portuguese passport will be able to enter freely in Bermuda territory for a temporary stay, in transit, business or tourism, without requiring a visa.
2. Except as provided in paragraph 4, those persons holding a British passport in which the status of the bearer is described as British Dependent Territory Citizen (Bermuda) will be able to enter freely in Portuguese territory for a temporary stay, in transit, business or tourism, without requiring a visa.
3. By temporary stay is understood a stay of no longer than 90 days which can be extended by the relevant authorities.
4. The Portuguese and Bermudian relevant Authorities reserve the right to refuse entry or stay in their respective territories of persons they may consider undesirable or that do not comply with the general rules regarding the entry of foreigners in their respective territories.
5. Either of the Governments can temporarily suspend the present Agreement for reasons of public order or national security. That suspension should be communicated immediately to the other Government by diplomatic channels.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 20 August 1992, as soon as the Parties informed each other of the completion of the required constitutional formalities, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

6. If Her Majesty's Government agrees with the above, I have the honour to propose that this Note and Your reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force as soon as both Parties have informed by diplomatic channels that the necessary constitutional formalities have been finalised.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

ANTÓNIO VAZ-PEREIRA

## II

*The Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the Portuguese Embassy at London*

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office presents its compliments to the Portuguese Embassy and has the honour to refer to their Note of 19 March which reads as follows:—

[See note I]

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has the honour to inform the Portuguese Embassy that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland who therefore agree that your Note, together with the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter, which shall enter into force on the date of the latter of the Notes by which each Government informs the other of the completion of the Constitutional formalities necessary for this purpose. The Bermudian authorities have confirmed that the necessary formalities will be completed on Friday 26 April 1991.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Portuguese Embassy the assurance of its highest consideration.

West Indian and Atlantic Department

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

17 April 1991

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