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**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement on the abolition
of the short-stay visa requirement. Zagreb, 27 January
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**Échange de notes constituant un accord sur la suppression de
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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CROATIA ON THE ABOLITION OF THE SHORT-STAY VISA REQUIREMENT

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REPUBLIC OF FRANCE
EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN CROATIA

Zagreb, 27 January 1995

No. 35/AL

The Embassy of France in Zagreb presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia and has the honour to transmit the text of a letter which His Excellency Mr. Alain Juppé, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, has addressed to His Excellency Mr. Mate Granić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia.

Beginning of quotation:

Sir,

Desiring to promote the development of bilateral relations between our two countries and wishing to facilitate the movement of their citizens, my Government considers it expedient to propose to the Government of the Republic of Croatia the abolition of the short-stay visa requirement between our two countries in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) Nationals of the Republic of Croatia shall be admitted without a visa into French departments for a stay of up to three months upon presentation of a valid national diplomatic, official or ordinary passport.

(2) They may travel without a visa to the overseas territories of the French Republic for a stay of up to one month. For a longer stay, they must be in possession of a visa before their departure.

(3) Nationals of the French Republic shall be admitted without a visa into the territory of the Republic of Croatia for a stay of up to three months upon presentation of a valid national diplomatic, official or ordinary passport.

(4) Nationals of the two countries, whether they hold a diplomatic, official or ordinary passport, will still be obliged to obtain a visa for stays longer than those mentioned in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

(5) The provisions of this note shall be implemented without prejudice to the laws and regulations in force in the French Republic and in the Republic of Croatia concerning the entry, sojourn, employment and removal of aliens.

¹ Came into force on 4 February 1995, i.e., eight days after the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

(6) The Contracting Parties shall transmit to each other, through the diplomatic channel, specimens of their new or amended national passports, along with information on the use of these passports; to the extent possible, this shall be done 60 days before such passports are put into service.

(7) This Agreement cancels and replaces the exchange of notes of 16 July 1962.

(8) This Agreement may be denounced at any time with 30 days' notice. The denunciation of this Agreement shall be communicated to the other Contracting Party through the diplomatic channel.

(9) The implementation of this Agreement may be suspended in whole or in part by either Contracting Party. Notice of the suspension shall be given immediately through the diplomatic channel.

I should be grateful if you would inform me whether the foregoing provisions meet with your Government's approval. If so, this letter and your reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force eight days after the signature of your Government's letter of acceptance.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

ALAIN JUPPÉ

End of quotation.

The Embassy of France takes this opportunity to convey to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Europe Department
Attention: Ms. Vujasin
Copy: Protocol Service

II

REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ZAGREB

Zagreb, 27 January 1995

Note No. 251/SN/95

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia presents its compliments to the Embassy of France in Zagreb and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of its note No. 35/AL of 27 January 1995, by which the Embassy of France transmits the letter from His Excellency Mr. Alain Juppé, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, addressed to His Excellency Mr. Mate Granić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, which reads as follows:

[*See note I*]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia has the honour to transmit the reply of His Excellency Mr. Mate Granić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, to His Excellency Mr. Alain Juppé, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, which reads as follows:

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing provisions meet with my Government's approval, and I confirm that this exchange of letters shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force eight days after the date of the exchange of notes.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

MATE GRANIĆ

End of quotation.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia presents its compliments to the Embassy of France in Zagreb and has the honour to inform it that this note transmitting the reply of His Excellency Mr. Mate Granić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, to the letter from His Excellency Mr. Alain Juppé, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, shall constitute an Agreement for the abolition of the short-stay visa requirement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the French Republic, which shall enter into force eight days after the date of the exchange of these notes.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia takes this opportunity to convey to the Embassy of France in Zagreb the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of France
Zagreb