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de la formalité de visa pour les titulaires de passe-
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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC ON THE ABOLITION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF NATIONAL PASSPORTS

I

[CZECH TEXT — TEXTE TCHÈQUE]

MINISTR ZAHRANIČNÍCH VĚCÍ
ČESKÉ REPUBLIKY

Praha, 11. dubna 1996

Vaše Excellence,

s přáním usnadnit cesty státních příslušníků obou našich zemí na území druhého státu a dále i v souladu s Dohodou mezi vládou České republiky a vládou Státu Izrael o zrušení vízové povinnosti pro držitele platných diplomatických a služebních pasů, podepsanou v Jeruzalémě dne 7. srpna 1995, mám čest Vám sdělit, že vláda České republiky je připravena uzavřít s vládou Státu Izrael dohodu následujícího znění:

Článek 1

Státní příslušníci České republiky a Státu Izrael, držitelé platných národních cestovních

¹ Came into force on 19 July 1996 by notification, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Prague, April 11, 1996

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that, in order to facilitate the travel of the nationals of each of the two countries in the territory of the other, and further to the Agreement between the Government of the Czech Republic and the Government of the State of Israel on the abolition of the visa requirements for holders of valid diplomatic and service passports signed in Jerusalem on 7 August 1995,¹ the Government of the Czech Republic is prepared to conclude with the Government of the State of Israel an Agreement on the following terms:

Article 1

Nationals of the Czech Republic and the State of Israel holders of valid national passports may enter the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party without visa for the purpose of a non-profit-making stay not exceeding ninety (90) days.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1920, No. A-32787.

Article 2

Nationals of the Czech Republic and the State of Israel who enter the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party for the purpose of a profit-making stay or who wish to stay there for a period exceeding ninety days, shall apply for the appropriate visa issued by the diplomatic mission or the consulate of the country concerned.

Article 3

1. Nationals of the State of one Contracting Party who have lost their valid national passports within the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party, shall leave that territory with the appropriate documents issued by the diplomatic mission or by the consulate of the relevant State without a visa.

2. The appropriate documents mentioned in paragraph 1 are, in the case of the Czech Republic the emergency passport and in the case of the State of Israel a national passport or an emergency Laissez Passer.

Article 4

Nationals of the Czech Republic and the State of Israel may cross the border of the State of

the other Contracting Party at the border points open for international passenger traffic.

Article 5

Subject to the foregoing provisions, persons benefiting under this Agreement shall, while in the Czech Republic or in the State of Israel, comply with the laws and regulations of the country of their stay.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall promptly inform each other through diplomatic channels, of any envisaged changes in the conditions for entry, stay or departure for the nationals of the States of the Contracting Parties.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties reserve the right to refuse admission to persons considered undesirable, including persons not possessing a valid national passport, as well as those who could endanger national security or public order or those who lack adequate financial means or other arrangements for their stay within the territory of the receiving State.

Article 8

Each Contracting Party undertakes to readmit without formalities into the territory of its State any of its nationals.

Article 9

The Contracting Parties reserve the right to suspend temporarily the implementation of the Agreement, for reasons of national security, public order or public health, except for cases mentioned Article 8 hereof. Each Contracting Party shall promptly inform the other Contracting Party, in writing, through diplomatic channels of the introduction as well as the abolition, of such measures. Such measures shall take effect on the day of delivery of such communication to the other Contracting Party.

Article 10

1. The Contracting Parties shall supply each other with the specimens of their valid travel documents not later than thirty (30) days before the Agreement enters into force.
2. Should one Contracting Party introduce any changes in its valid travel documents or introduce a new type of travel document, the said Contracting Party shall notify the other

Contracting Party through diplomatic channels of the change not later than thirty (30) days before their introduction, and shall provide the specimen thereof, with all the necessary data concerning the use of these documents.

Article 11

The present Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period of time and may be terminated by either of the Contracting Parties by giving a written notice through diplomatic channels.

The Agreement shall cease to be in force thirty (30) days from the date of the written notification of termination addressed to the other Contracting Party.

If the above mentioned proposals are acceptable to the Government of the State of Israel, I have the honour to propose that the present Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply in that respect, shall constitute the Agreement between the Government of the Czech Republic and the Government of the State of Israel on the abolition of visa requirements for holders of national passports, which shall enter into force sixty (60) days from the date of the latter of the diplomatic Notes by which the Parties notify each other that the

necessary legal requirements for this purpose have been completed.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josef Zieleniec', written in a cursive style.

His Excellency
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State
of Israel

¹ Josef Zieleniec.

II

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

שר החוץ

Jerusalem, 29 April, 1996

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your Note dated 11 April, 1996, which reads as follows:

[See note I]

I have the honour to confirm that the above provisions are acceptable to the Government of the State of Israel and that Your Excellency's Note, together with this Note in reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Czech Republic on this matter.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.



EHUD BARAK

His Excellency
The Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Czech Republic
