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**BRAZIL
and
SOUTH AFRICA**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement on the exemption of visas for the holders of diplomatic, official and ordinary passports. Pretoria, 26 November 1996

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Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'exemption de visa pour les titulaires d'un passeport diplomatique, officiel ou régulier. Pretoria, 26 novembre 1996

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

Pretoria, 26 November 1996

Your Excellency,

[*See note II*]

I avail myself, etc.

LUIZ FELIPE LAMPREIA

His Excellency
Mr. Alfred Nzo
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Republic of South Africa

II

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Pretoria, 26 November 1996

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your note dated 26 November 1996 which text in English reads as follows:

"Your Excellency,

Considering the mutual intention of strengthening the traditional and amicable relations between the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Republic of South Africa, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Brazilian Government will grant an exemption of visas for the holders of diplomatic, official and ordinary South African passports on the following terms:

1. South African nationals, holders of valid diplomatic, official and ordinary passports, will be exempt from visa requirements for bona fide holiday and private or official business visits not exceeding ninety (90) days, as well as transits.
2. The period of stay mentioned in paragraph (1) does not permit the undertaking of remunerated activities.
3. These provisions do not exempt South African nationals from complying with the laws and regulations in force in the Federative Republic of Brazil which apply to admission, stay, residence (temporary or permanent), work (remunerated or not) and exit.
4. This exemption does not affect the right of the Brazilian authorities to refuse admission or residence to persons who do not comply with the entry requirements.
5. In the case of an alteration in the format of diplomatic, official and ordinary passports, the South African Government undertakes to furnish the Brazilian Government, through diplomatic channels, with samples of the new specimens. The technical information and data concerning the implementation date of the

circulation of the new passports will be notified with an advance notice of thirty (30) days.

6. The Brazilian Government may temporarily suspend this exemption on the grounds of public order, security or health. The suspension will be notified immediately to the South African authorities through diplomatic channels.
7. South African citizens who had their entry refused by the Brazilian immigration authorities, will be given adequate treatment and permitted to be in immediate contact with their consular authorities.
8. These provisions will enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of this notification and may be terminated at any time by the Brazilian Government giving three (3) months written notice through diplomatic channels.

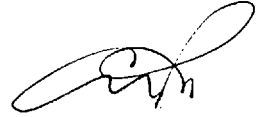
I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

LUIZ FELIPE LAMPREIA
Minister of International Relations of the
Federative Republic of Brazil"

In reply I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the measures indicated in your Excellency's note are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of South Africa, and I furthermore have the honour to confirm that the Government of the Republic of South Africa will continue to grant the same facilities to Brazilian nationals, henceforth on the basis of reciprocity.

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

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop followed by a smaller loop and a final flourish.

ALFRED NZO

His Excellency
Ambassador Luiz Felipe Lampreia
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil
