

GREECE



Treaty Series No. 76 (1965)

Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of Greece

for the Reciprocal Abolition of Visas

Athens, 8 June, 1965

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BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
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No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Athens to the Greek Minister
for Foreign Affairs*

*British Embassy,
Athens, 8 June, 1965.*

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement constituted by the Exchange of Notes between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Greek Government of the 1st of June, 1953,⁽¹⁾ for the reciprocal abolition of visas for travel to the United Kingdom and Greece.

2. Acting upon instructions from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I am to state that in accordance with their policy of extending the freedom of travel, the Government of the United Kingdom now wish to propose an agreement in the following terms to replace that of the 1st of June, 1953:

- (a) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) below, Greek nationals holding valid Greek passports shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man and to any of the territories named in the Annex to the present Note without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) below, British subjects and British Protected Persons holding passports bearing on the cover the inscription 'British Passport' at the top, and at the bottom the inscription 'United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland' or 'Jersey' or 'Guernsey and its dependencies' or the name of one of the British dependent territories listed in the Annex to this Agreement, and, inside, the description of the holder's national status as 'British subject' or 'British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies', or 'British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom, Islands and Colonies', or 'British protected Person' shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Greece without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.
- (c) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above shall not exempt Greek nationals proceeding to any British territory or British subjects or British protected persons proceeding to Greece from the necessity

(1) "Treaty Series No. 40 (1953)", Cmd. 8870.

of complying with, respectively, the laws and regulations of the British territory concerned, or of Greece, relating to the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners. 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 to land.

- (d) The competent British and Greek authorities reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in their respective territories in any case where the person concerned is considered undesirable by those authorities or is otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the respective Governments relating to the entry or stay of aliens.
- (e) Either Government may suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part for reasons of public policy and the suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Government through the diplomatic channel.
- (f) Either Government may denounce the Agreement subject to thirty days' notice in writing through the diplomatic channel.

3. If the above proposals are acceptable to the Greek Government I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, together with its Annex and Your Excellency's reply to that effect should constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force thirty days after the date of Your Excellency's Note and shall be regarded from its entry into force as abrogating and replacing the Agreement of the 1st of June, 1953, referred to in paragraph one above.

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

RALPH MURRAY.

ANNEX

Bahamas	Gilbert and Ellice Islands
Barbados	Mauritius
Basutoland	St. Helena
Bechuanaland	Seychelles
Bermuda	Swaziland
British Guiana	Turks and Caicos Islands
British Honduras	Windward Islands:
British Solomon Islands	Dominica
Brunei	Grenada
Cayman Islands	St. Lucia
Falkland Islands	St. Vincent.
Fiji	
Gibraltar	
Leeward Islands:	
Antigua	
British Virgin Islands	
Montserrat	
St. Kitts—Nevis—Anguilla	

No. 2

*The Greek Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Ambassador
at Athens*

Athens, June 8th, 1965.

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date reading as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to confirm that the Royal Government accept the foregoing provisions and agree that Your Note with its Annex and the present reply constitute an agreement between our two Governments on the subject.

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

ST. COSTOPOULOS.

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