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## AUTRICHE ET PAYS-BAS

Echange de notes comportant un accord relatif à l'abolition du visa des passeports pour les citoyens des deux États. La Haye, les 25 janvier et 1<sup>er</sup> mars 1927.

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## AUSTRIA AND THE NETHERLANDS

Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement relating to the Abolition of Passports Visas for the Nationals of the two States. The Hague, January 25 and March 1, 1927.

<sup>1</sup> TRADUCTION. — TRANSLATION.

No. 1570. — EXCHANGE OF NOTES<sup>2</sup> BETWEEN THE AUSTRIAN AND THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENTS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE ABOLITION OF PASSPORTS VISAS FOR THE NATIONALS OF THE TWO STATES. THE HAGUE, JANUARY 5<sup>2</sup> AND MARCH 1, 1927.

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MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.  
Legal Section.  
No. 37853.

THE HAGUE, *January 25, 1927.*

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The possibility of arriving at the mutual abolition of compulsory visas for the nationals of our two countries has been under consideration by the Netherlands authorities, and has been the subject of conversations between Your Excellency and the Head of the Legal Section of my Department.

I have now the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Royal Government is prepared to exempt Austrian nationals proceeding to the Netherlands from the obligation of obtaining a Netherlands visa subject to reciprocal treatment being granted by the Austrian Government to Netherlands nationals proceeding to Austria. The nationals of the two countries would in consequence be reciprocally admitted on production only of a valid national passport.

Nevertheless, in the Royal Government's view, this arrangement, which would only apply to the mother country, should not affect the right of the two Governments either to expel a Netherlands or Austrian national who may prove undesirable or dangerous from the point of view of the maintenance of order and general security in the other country, or to forbid such person from returning thither. It is understood, moreover, that the abolition of visas shall not affect the right of the two Governments to take any measures that may be necessary with regard to the paid labour of foreigners for the purpose of protecting the home market.

If the Austrian Government agrees to the terms of this Agreement, the Netherlands Government considers that, after Your Excellency's conforming to the Agreement, it might enter into force as from March 15 next without other formalities.

In view of the possibility that the abolition of visas, which is only intended to provide improved travelling facilities for the nationals of the two countries, might lead to an immigration of unemployed, my colleague, the Minister of Labour, Commerce and Industry, would be glad if the Government of the Austrian Republic, before the entry into force of the Agreement, would warn

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<sup>1</sup> Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations.

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<sup>2</sup> Came into force March 15, 1927.

Austrian workmen not to seek employment in the Netherlands owing to the present conditions of the labour market in that country.

Awaiting Your Excellency's reply, I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) SNOUCK HURGONJE,  
Secretary General.  
For the Minister.

To His Excellency  
M. Duffek,  
Envoy Extraordinary and  
Minister Plenipotentiary of Austria.

AUSTRIAN LEGATION.  
No. 490.

THE HAGUE, March 1, 1927.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. 37853 (Legal Section) of January 25 last, regarding the abolition of visas between Austria and the Netherlands. I duly submitted this Note to my Government, which had great pleasure in taking cognisance of the Royal Government's proposal.

I am glad to be now in a position to inform Your Excellency that the Council of Ministers, having accepted the said proposal, authorises me to make the following declaration on behalf of my Government :

The Federal Government of the Austrian Republic is prepared to exempt Netherlands nationals proceeding to Austria from the obligation of obtaining an Austrian visa, subject to reciprocal treatment being granted by the Netherlands Government to Austrian nationals proceeding to the Netherlands. The nationals of the two countries should in consequence be reciprocally admitted on production only of a valid national passport.

The Federal Government has noted that, in so far as this arrangement concerns journeys undertaken by Austrian nationals to the Netherlands, it does not apply to the Netherlands overseas colonies and territories, so that Austrians proceeding thereto will be obliged, as in the past, to have their passports *visé* by the competent Netherlands authority.

It is also understood that this Agreement shall not affect the right of the two Governments either to expel an Austrian or Netherlands national who may prove undesirable or dangerous from the point of view of the maintenance of order and general security in the other country, or to forbid such person from returning thither. It is understood moreover that the abolition of visas shall also not affect the right of the two Governments to take any measures that may be necessary with regard to the paid labour of foreigners for the purpose of protecting the home market.

Lastly, the Federal Government agrees with the Royal Government that this arrangement should enter into force without other formalities as from March 15, 1927, and has given the necessary instructions to this effect. Further, the necessary steps have been taken to comply with the request of His Excellency, the Minister of Labour, Commerce and Industry, that before the entry into force of the Agreement, Austrian workmen should be warned not to seek employment in the Netherlands owing to the present conditions of the labour market in that country.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) DUFFEK.

To His Excellency  
The Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Netherlands,  
The Hague.