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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 2509. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF PASSPORT VISAS. ANKARA, 5 AUGUST 1952

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Ankara, 5 August 1952

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, pursuant to resolution No. 20 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe of 19 March 1952 regarding the abolition of passport visas for nationals of member countries of the Council of Europe, the Greek Government is prepared to conclude with the Turkish Government an agreement in the following terms :

1. Turkish and Greek nationals shall be free to travel from any country whatever to Greece and Turkey respectively without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance, provided that they are in possession of a valid passport of the country of which they are nationals. It is understood that the maximum period of stay for each entry shall not exceed two months. Turkish and Greek nationals wishing to remain in Greece or in Turkey respectively for a longer period must obtain the necessary authorization from the local authorities, which the said authorities shall be free to grant or refuse. The extension may in no case exceed one month.

2. It is understood that nationals of either country who have already enjoyed the privilege of admission to the territory of the other without a visa may not re-enter without a visa within at least three months from the date of their departure. This restriction shall not, however, apply to persons who have previously obtained from the local authorities of the country which they wish to visit a permit exempting them from such obligation.

3. It is agreed that the abolition of the visa requirement shall not exempt Turkish and Greek nationals entering Greece and Turkey respectively from the necessity of complying with Greek and Turkish laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence and employment of aliens.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 September 1952 in accordance with the terms of the said letters.

The competent authorities of each Party reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in the country to persons considered undesirable.

The enforcement authorities of both countries shall co-operate in applying the provisions of the second paragraph.

4. The provisions of article 1 of this agreement shall not apply to Turkish or Greek nationals wishing to enter Greece or Turkey respectively in order to carry on a trade, profession or other occupation, and such persons must in every case obtain the requisite visa in advance from the consulate of the country concerned.

5. This agreement shall enter into force on 1 September 1952. Either Party may suspend it temporarily for reasons of public order, and the suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Party through the diplomatic channel.

Either Party may denounce the agreement subject to three months' notice.

If the Turkish Government is prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that the present note and your reply in similar terms should be considered as constituting an agreement between our Governments.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) A. CONTOUMAS

Mr. Fuad Koprulu  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Ankara

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Sir,

Ankara, 5 August 1952

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of today's date, reading as follows :

[See letter I]

I have the honour to inform you that the Turkish Government agrees to the foregoing provisions.

I have the honour to be, etc.

For the Minister of Foreign Affairs :  
(Signed) C. ACIKALIN