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**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to  
visas. Maseru, 21 January 1970**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO  
RELATING TO VISAS

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MASERU, LESOTHO

FRGN/CONS/5/16

21st January, 1970

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that to facilitate travel between the State of Israel and the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Government of Lesotho is prepared to conclude an Agreement with the Israeli Government in the following terms :

(1) For the purpose of this Agreement, "passport" shall mean a regular passport, a diplomatic passport or a service passport.

(2) Nationals of Lesotho, holders of passports valid for Israel, shall be exempt from the obligation of obtaining entry visas for a stay in Israel not exceeding three months.

(3) Nationals of Israel, holders of passports valid for Lesotho, shall be exempt from the obligation of obtaining transit visas, or entry visas for a stay in Lesotho not exceeding three months.

(4) Nationals of Lesotho and Israel who wish to stay in Lesotho or Israel, respectively, for a period exceeding three months, including those appointed as members of the respective diplomatic missions or consular posts, shall obtain the necessary authorisation from the competent authorities of the country concerned.

(5) Subject to the foregoing provisions, persons benefitting under this agreement shall, while in Israel or Lesotho comply with the laws and regulations applicable to foreigners in respect of entry and residence, temporary or permanent, and shall not take up any employment, whether paid or unpaid, nor exercise for personal profit any professional or commercial activity.

(6) The Governments of Lesotho and Israel reserve the right to refuse admission to persons not possessing a valid passport or lacking adequate means of subsistence or the possibility of acquiring them by legally authorised employment, or designated as undesirable or considered likely to endanger the public peace, public order, public health, or national security.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 March 1970, in accordance with paragraph 9.

(7) (a) The Government of Israel undertakes to readmit to its territory, at any time and without formalities, any of its nationals who have entered Lesotho.

(b) The Government of Lesotho undertakes to readmit to its territory, at any time and without formalities, any of its nationals who have entered Israel.

(8) The Government of Lesotho and Israel reserve the right temporarily to suspend the application of this Agreement, except Article 7 thereof, for reasons of public order or national security, by giving the other Government immediate notice through diplomatic channels.

(9) This Agreement shall come into force on March 1, 1970, for a period of one year. Unless notice of termination is given, through diplomatic channels, thirty days before the expiration of such period, it shall be deemed to be extended indefinitely. Either Party to this Agreement, may, however, terminate it after the first year of its operation by giving to the other Party advance notice through diplomatic channels, and the Agreement shall terminate on the ninetieth day from the date of such notice.

If the Israeli Government are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your Excellency's reply in similar terms, should be considered as placing on record the Agreement of the two Governments in this matter.

Leabua JONATHAN

Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Mr. S. Ben-Haim  
Embassy of the Republic of Israel  
Blantyre, Malawi

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### EMBASSY OF ISRAEL

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21 January 1970

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's Note of today's date in which you informed me that to facilitate travel between the State of Israel and the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Government of Lesotho is prepared to conclude an Agreement with the Government of Israel in the following terms :

[See note I]

I have the honour to state that the Government of Israel accepts the foregoing provisions and to confirm that Your Excellency's Note and my present

reply are considered as placing on record the Agreement of the two Governments in this matter.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Shaul BEN-HAIM  
Ambassador

His Excellency Chief Leabua Jonathan  
Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Maseru