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Exchange of Notes between Argentina and Ireland Constituting an Agreement Concerning the Abolition of Tourist Visas

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Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND IRELAND CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF TOURIST VISAS

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EMBASSY of IRELAND BUENOS AIRES

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The Embassy of Ireland presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Public Worship (Consular Affairs Division) and, with reference to this Embassy's Note No. 2/24, dated 9 April 1964, on the abolition of visas between Ireland and Argentina, has the honour to state that the competent Irish authorities, having considered the position of Argentine nationals wishing to travel to Ireland, have abolished the passport visa for Argentine nationals holding valid Argentine passports.

This abolition of visas does not exempt Argentine nationals proceeding to Ireland from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of Ireland concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent), remunerated activity or employment of aliens.

Travellers who are unable to satisfy the Irish immigration authorities that they are complying with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to land or to enter the country.

The competent Irish authorities reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in Ireland in any case where the person concerned is *persona non grata* or otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the Irish authorities relating to the entry of aliens.

The Embassy takes pleasure in transmitting this note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Public Worship and hopes that the Argentine authorities will be able to consider the possibility of making a reciprocal concession to Irish nationals wishing to travel to Argentina.

The Embassy of Ireland takes this opportunity etc.

Buenos Aires, 24 May 1965

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Public Worship Consular Affairs Division

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Public Worship presents its compliments to the Embassy of Ireland and, with reference to the Embassy's Note No. 2/24 of 24 May last notifying this Ministry of the abolition, by the competent Irish authorities, of tourist visas on the passports of Argentine nationals, has the honour to inform the Embassy that the competent Argentine authorities, in view of the unilateral measure adopted by the Government of Ireland, have decided to grant Irish nationals holding valid Irish passports free entry as tourists to the Argentine Republic, without the necessity of obtaining a visa, under the following conditions:

1) Irish nationals, and their wives and minor children, in possession of valid Irish passports may enter the territory of the Argentine Republic, without the necessity of first obtaining a visa on their passports, for a period of three months, which may be extended by the competent Argentine authorities for a further single period of three months.

During this period they may enter, leave and remain freely in the territory.

When the stipulated period has expired, they shall not be granted any further exemption until one year has elapsed from the date of their first entry into the country and, should they wish to do so, they must obtain the appropriate visa on their passports.

2) It is understood that the abolition of the visa requirement shall not exempt Argentine nationals proceeding to Ireland, nor Irish nationals proceeding to Argentina, from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations in force in both countries concerning the entry of aliens, temporary stay and permanent residence, and the right to exercise a gainful activity, whether on a self- employed or salary basis, and that travellers who do not satisfy the requirements established by the immigration authorities shall be deprived of or refused leave to enter or stay.

3) Irish nationals who at the time of proceeding to the Argentine Republic belong to an excluded category of persons, that is to say, persons resident in a country which has been excluded by the Government of the Argentine Republic, acting in accordance with Decree Law No. 2457 of 28 March 1963 shall not come within the scope of this concession.

4) The Government of the Republic of Ireland or the Government of the Argentine Republic may temporarily suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part for reasons of public policy. In any such case the suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Government through the diplomatic channel.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Public Worship takes this opportunity. etc.

Buenos Aires, June 1965

Embassy of Ireland Buenos Aires