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**NEW ZEALAND  
and  
NETHERLANDS**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning  
the mutual abolition of visas. Wellington, 3 March 1949**

*English official text communicated by the Secretary-General of the New Zealand delegation to the United Nations. The registration took place on 29 August 1949.*

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**NOUVELLE-ZELANDE  
et  
PAYS-BAS**

**Echange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la sup-  
pression réciproque des visas. Wellington, 3 mars 1949**

*Texte officiel anglais communiqué par le Secrétaire général de la délégation de la Nouvelle-Zélande auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le 29 août 1949.*

No. 538. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS CONCERNING THE MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISAS. WELLINGTON, 3 MARCH 1949

No. 1

*Mr. Peter Fraser to Mr. J. B. D. Pennink*

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Wellington, 3 March 1949

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to our various discussions concerning arrangements to permit of freedom of travel between our two countries and to suggest that an agreement in the following terms be concluded for the mutual abolition of *visas* for travel between New Zealand and the Netherlands:

- “(1) Netherlands nationals shall be free to travel to New Zealand by any route without the necessity of obtaining a *visa* in advance provided they are furnished with valid Netherlands passports.
- “(2) New Zealand citizens shall be free to travel to the Netherlands by any route without the necessity of obtaining a *visa* in advance provided they are furnished with valid New Zealand passports.
- “(3) It is understood that the waiver of the *visa* requirement does not exempt Netherlands nationals and New Zealand citizens travelling respectively to New Zealand and to the Netherlands from the necessity of complying with the New Zealand and Netherlands laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners, and that travellers who are unable to satisfy the Immigration authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to enter or land.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 April 1949, by the exchange and according to the terms of the said notes.

“(4) As regards travel by Netherlands nationals to New Zealand Island Territories and the Trust Territory of Western Samoa, *visas* will not be required but it will be necessary for travellers to comply with the laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners in the Island Territories or the Trust Territory of Western Samoa as the case may be. Travellers who are unable to satisfy the Immigration authorities that they comply with these regulations may be refused leave to enter or land.

“(5) As regards travel to Netherlands overseas territories, it is understood that *visas* will continue to be required.”

2. If the Netherlands Government are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that the present note, and your reply in similar terms, should be regarded as placing on record the agreement between the two Governments, which will take effect on 1 April 1949.

I have, &c.,

P. FRASER  
Minister of External Affairs

No. 2

*Mr. J. B. D. Pennink to Mr. Peter Fraser*

LEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

Wellington, 3 March 1949

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your note of 3 March 1949, concerning arrangements to permit freedom of travel between our two countries and suggesting that an agreement in the following terms be concluded for the mutual abolition of *visas* for travel between New Zealand and the Netherlands:

[See note No. 1]

2. I have the honour to inform you that the Netherlands Government are prepared to put into force the foregoing provisions and that they consider your letter and my present reply as constituting between the two Governments an agreement which is to come into force on April first, 1949.

I have, &c.

J. B. D. PENNINK  
Minister for the Netherlands