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Sir,

With reference to our recent discussions, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of New Zealand is prepared to conclude with the Royal Greek Government an agreement to facilitate travel between our two countries on the following basis:

- (1) Greek nationals possessing valid Greek passports who hold permits to enter New Zealand for permanent residence, or who desire to enter New Zealand for a bona fide visit, will be issued with appropriate visas free of charge by the appropriate visa-issuing authority. In the case of a Greek national holding a permit to enter New Zealand for permanent residence, a visa will be made valid for a period corresponding to the period within which he is required to exercise his right to enter New Zealand in accordance with the permit. In the case of a Greek national proceeding to New Zealand on a bona fide visit, a visa will be made valid for a period of twelve months and good for an appropriate number of journeys to New Zealand within that period.
- (2) New Zealand citizens possessing valid New Zealand passports may enter Greece without obtaining a visa, provided the entry is not made with the intention of staying in Greece for a period longer than three months, or with the intention of entering into gainful employment or occupation.
- (3) New Zealand citizens possessing valid New Zealand passports, who desire to enter Greece in order to take up gainful employment, or for a period of longer than three months, and whose entry has been approved, will be issued with appropriate visas free of charge by the appropriate visa-issuing authority.
- (4) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, it is understood:
 - (a) that the abovementioned provisions do not exempt Greek nationals entering New Zealand and New Zealand citizens entering Greece from the necessity of complying with the New Zealand and Greek laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (whether temporary or permanent), and employment or occupation of aliens, and

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- (b) that travellers who are unable to satisfy the respective immigration authorities that they comply with the laws and regulations referred to in the immediately preceding sub-paragraph, are liable to be refused permission to enter or land, or the right to remain if they have already entered the country concerned.
- (5) In this agreement:
- (a) "New Zealand", where used as a territorial description, includes the Cook Islands (including Niue), the Tokelau Islands and the Trust Territory of Western Samoa;
 - (b) "New Zealand citizens" includes citizens of Western Samoa;
 - (c) "New Zealand laws and regulations" includes laws in force in the Trust Territory of Western Samoa, and in the Cook and the Tokelau Islands;
 - (d) "New Zealand passports" includes passports or travel documents issued by the authorities of the Trust Territory of Western Samoa.
- (6) This agreement shall take effect one month from the date thereof.
- (7) Either party may terminate this agreement by giving three months' notice in writing to the other party.

If the Royal Greek Government is prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that the present letter and your reply in similar terms should be regarded as an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest esteem.

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in Australia

