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NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE VENEZUELAN AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS FOR AN AGREEMENT MODIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE CONCLUDED WITH DR. IGNACIO LUIS ARCAYA, FOREIGN MINISTER OF VENEZUELA, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO OTTAWA. THE AGREEMENT, WHICH IS IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES, COMES INTO FORCE ON NOVEMBER 1, 1959. DR. ARCAYA SIGNED A NOTE DATED OCTOBER 5, 1959 ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT, AND THE PRIME MINISTER, IN HIS CAPACITY AS ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, SIGNED A NOTE ON BEHALF OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DATED OCTOBER 8, 1959. THE FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES TOOK PLACE IN OTTAWA TODAY OCTOBER 20.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, CANADIAN CITIZENS INTENDING TO VISIT VENEZUELA WILL BE GRANTED MULTI-ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR ONE YEAR AT A FEE OF 10 BOLIVARS (2.85) WHICH IS ONE-HALF THE NORMAL FEE OF 20 BOLIVARS. CANADIAN CITIZENS PROCEEDING TO VENEZUELA AS TOURISTS FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO SIX MONTHS WILL BE GRANTED TOURIST CARDS, FREE OF CHARGE. VENEZUELAN CITIZENS INTENDING TO VISIT CANADA WILL BE GRANTED GRATIS MULTI-ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR ONE YEAR. HOWEVER, THOSE VENEZUELAN CITIZENS WHO DO NOT NOW REQUIRE VISAS, WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADMISSIBLE WITHOUT VISAS. ENTRY TO EITHER COUNTRY REMAINS SUBJECT TO THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTRY CONCERNED.