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Non-Immigrant Visa Waiver Agreement
with Iceland

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Honourable Richard A. Bell, announced today that negotiations between the Canadian and Icelandic Governments for an Agreement abolishing the non-immigrant visa requirement for short-term visits by citizens of either country to the other country were concluded during the recent visit to Iceland of the Canadian Ambassador to Iceland, Mr. J.L.B. Couillard, who is stationed in Oslo, Norway. The Agreement, which is in the form of an Exchange of Notes, was signed on October 17 at Reykjavik, Iceland, by Mr. J.L.B. Couillard on behalf of the Government of Canada, and by Mr. Gudmundur I. Gudmundsson Foreign Minister of Iceland, on behalf of his Government.

Under the terms of the Agreement, which comes into effect on November 1, 1962, citizens of Canada and Iceland who are bona fide non-immigrants (visitors not seeking employment or permanent residence) and who are in possession of valid national passports may enter the other country without visas for periods not exceeding three consecutive months, provided these citizens meet the normal laws and regulations governing non-immigrant entry into the country concerned.