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A NON-IMMIGRANT VISA MODIFICATION AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED IN ANKARA BY THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY AND THE TURKISH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, A.I. THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES TOOK PLACE ON AUGUST 21, 1956, AND THE AGREEMENT CAME INTO EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1956.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, CANADIANS WHO ARE IN POSSESSION OF VALID PASSPORTS MAY VISIT TURKEY FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO THREE MONTHS WITHOUT PREVIOUSLY OBTAINING TURKISH VISAS. TURKISH CITIZENS, WHO ARE IN POSSESSION OF VALID PASSPORTS, WILL BE ISSUED FREE VISAS VALID FOR AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF ENTRIES INTO CANADA DURING A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS FROM DATE OF ISSUE OF SUCH VISAS.

WITH THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT, CANADA HAS COMPLETED NON-IMMIGRANT VISA MODIFICATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, LIECHTENSTEIN, LUXEMBOURG, MONACO, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND AND TURKEY WHEREBY CANADIAN CITIZENS ARE PERMITTED ENTRY WITHOUT VISAS. IN ADDITION, AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO WITH FINLAND, ISRAEL AND JAPAN UNDER WHICH CANADIAN CITIZENS ARE GRANTED VISAS FREE OF CHARGE FOR ENTRY INTO THESE COUNTRIES.