EXCHANGE OF NOTES (JUNE 30, 1949) BETWEEN CANADA AND SWEDEN CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-IMMIGRANT TRAVELLERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs to the Minister of Sweden in Canada

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to previous correspondence on the subject of the modification of visa requirements and to state that the Canadian Government is prepared to conclude with the Swedish Government an agreement in the following terms:

- (1) Swedish subjects, who are bona fide non-immigrants (visitors, not seeking employment nor permanent residence) coming to Canada and who are in possession of valid national passports, will receive, from competent Canadian diplomatic and consular authorities in Sweden, visas, free of charge, valid for an unlimited number of entries to Canada during a period of twelve months from the date of issue of such visas.
- (2) Canadian citizens, who are bona fide non-immigrants and who are in possession of valid national passports, may, without previously obtaining a Swedish visa, visit Sweden for periods each not exceeding three consecutive months.
- (3) It is understood that this modification of entrance requirements does not exempt Swedish subjects and Canadian citizens, coming to Canada and Sweden respectively, from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of the country concerned regarding the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners, and that persons, 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.

If the Swedish Government is prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, the Canadian Government has the honour to suggest that the present note and the reply thereto of the Swedish Government shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which shall take effect on July 1, 1949.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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Secretary of State for External Affairs.