

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (October 10, 1952) BETWEEN CANADA AND ITALY CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF MULTI-ENTRY VISAS TO DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICIALS AND NON-IMMIGRANTS

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*The Canadian Ambassador to Italy to the Minister
of Foreign Affairs of Italy*

CANADIAN EMBASSY

ROME, October 10, 1952

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the non-immigrant visa modification understanding between Canada and Italy which was agreed upon by an exchange of Notes Verbale in 1950 and which came into effect on June 1, 1950.

The Canadian Government has taken into consideration your suggestion that Canada and Italy abolish Diplomatic and Courtesy visas but does not at this time wish to set a precedent for this type of agreement. I have been instructed by my Government, however, to suggest that the Italian Government and the Canadian Government conclude a reciprocal agreement regarding the issuance of multi-entry visas to diplomatic representatives and officials.

In order to have one agreement covering all aspects of visa modifications I have been instructed to suggest that the agreement embody the terms of the non-immigrant visa modification understanding which was agreed upon by Italy and Canada and came into effect on June 1, 1950. The Government of Canada is prepared to conclude with the Government of Italy an agreement in the following terms:

- A. (1) Diplomatic representatives and officials of Canada accredited in or posted to Italy, as well as members of their families and staffs, who hold diplomatic, special or service passports may obtain, upon entry to Italy, visas valid for an unlimited number of entries to or departures from Italy during the appointment of the representatives and officials concerned in that country or for the period of validity of their passports, whichever is the lesser.
- (2) Diplomatic representatives and officials of Italy accredited in or posted to Canada, as well as members of their families and staffs, who hold diplomatic, special or service passports may obtain upon entry to Canada visas valid for an unlimited number of entries to or departures from Canada during the appointment of the representatives and officials concerned in that country or for the period of validity of their passports, whichever is the lesser.
- B. (1) Italian citizens who are bona fide non-immigrants coming to Canada and who are in possession of valid national passports will receive with a minimum of delay from the competent Canadian diplomatic or consular authorities in Italy visas, free of charge, valid for an unlimited number of entries into Canada during a period of twelve months from the date of issue of such visas.