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A VISA MODIFICATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND PORTUGAL WAS SIGNED ON JANUARY 24, 1958 IN LISBON BY DR. PAULO CUNHA, THE PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER AND DR. PHILIPPE PANNETON, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL. THE AGREEMENT WILL COME INTO FORCE ON FEBRUARY 15, 1958.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, CANADIAN CITIZENS HOLDING VALID CANADIAN PASSPORTS MAY VISIT CONTINENTAL PORTUGAL AND MADEIRA ISLANDS FOR PERIODS NOT EXCEEDING TWO CONSECUTIVE MONTHS WITHOUT OBTAINING PORTUGUESE VISAS. RECIPROCALLY, PORTUGUESE CITIZENS HOLDING VALID PORTUGUESE PASSPORTS DESIRING TO ENTER CANADA TEMPORARILY WILL BE ISSUED NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS GRATIS VALID FOR AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF ENTRIES INTO CANADA DURING A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS FROM THE DATES OF ISSUE OF SUCH VISAS. IT IS EXPECTED THE AGREEMENT WILL FACILITATE TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND PORTUGAL.

CANADIANS NOW ARE PERMITTED ENTRY WITHOUT VISAS TO AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, LIECHENSTEIN, LUXEMBOURG, MONACO, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, AND TURKEY. IN ADDITION AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO WITH FINLAND, ^{Israel} ~~IRELAND~~ AND JAPAN UNDER WHICH CANADIAN CITIZENS ARE GRANTED VISAS FREE OF CHARGE.