EXCHANGE OF NOTES (MARCH 10, 1961) BETWEEN CANADA AND IRAN CONCERNING VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-IMMIGRANT TRAVELLERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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The Ambassador of Iran to Canada to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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I have the honour to propose, on instructions from my Government, that an Agreement be concluded between the Government of Iran and the Government of Canada for the modification of the visa requirements for non-immigrant entry into our two countries on the following terms:

- (1) Iranian visa-issuing officers will grant visas, free of charge, valid for an unlimited number of entries to Iran within a period of one year, with a minimum of delay and formality, to Canadian citizens who are bona fide non-immigrants in possession of Canadian passports which are valid for the period of the visa. Transit visas will be granted to Canadian citizens whose passports are valid for at least one month beyond the period of transit.
- (2) Canadian visa-issuing officers will grant visas, free of charge, valid for an unlimited number of entries to Canada within a period of one year, with a minimum of delay and formality, to Iranian subjects who are bona fide non-immigrants in possession of valid Iranian passports.
- (3) The one-year period of validity of the visas mentioned in paragraphs 1. and 2. refers only to the period during which the bearers may seek repeated admissions at Canadian or Iranian ports of entry and not to the duration of stay which may be authorized by the appropriate Canadian or Iranian Immigration Authorities at the time of each entry. The period of stay in either country will be governed in accordance with the legislation and regulations in effect in each country. An extension of the period of stay may be granted by the appropriate authorities of either country, and, when granted, shall be without charge.
- (4) It is understood that this Agreement does not exempt Canadian citizens and Iranian subjects coming respectively to Iran and Canada from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of the country concerned regarding entry, residence (temporary or permanent), and employment 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 entry.
- (5) Either Government may suspend the Agreement temporarily for reasons of security or public order, and the suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Government through the diplomatic channel; on the cessation of such suspension, similar notification will be given.

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