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between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom
and the Government of Norway

concerning the Mutual Abolition of Visas

London, 26th February, 1947

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No. 1

Mr. Ernest Bevin to M. Per Preben Prebensen

*Foreign Office,
26th February, 1947*

Your Excellency,

I HAVE the honour to inform your Excellency that, as a first step towards the eventual restoration of freedom of travel to Norwegian and British territories, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude with the Government of Norway an agreement in the following terms:—

- (1) Norwegian subjects shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance provided that they are furnished with valid Norwegian passports.
- (2) Holders of valid passports bearing, on the cover, the inscription "British Passport" and, inside, the description of the holder's national status as "British subject" shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Norway without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.
- (3) It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt Norwegian and British subjects coming respectively to the United Kingdom and to Norway from the necessity of complying with the British and the Norwegian laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners, and that travellers 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.
- (4) As regards travel to Spitsbergen or to Norwegian or British colonies and overseas territories, protectorates or territories under mandate or trusteeship, it is understood that visas will continue to be required.

2. If the Norwegian Government are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that the present note and your Excellency's reply in similar terms should be regarded as placing on record the agreement between the two Governments, which shall take effect on 1st March, 1947.

I have, &c.
ERNEST BEVIN.

No. 2

M. Per Preben Prebensen to Mr. Ernest Bevin

*Royal Norwegian Embassy,
London, 26th February, 1947*

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of to-day's date in which you inform me that, as a first step towards the eventual restoration of freedom of travel to British and Norwegian territories, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude with the Government of Norway an agreement in the following terms:—

[As in No. 1]

2. I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Norway are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions and that your note and the present reply in similar terms shall be regarded as placing on record the agreement between the two Governments, which shall take effect on 1st March, 1947.

I have, &c.

P. PREBENSEN.

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