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and
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SUISSE**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 7632. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL, ON THE OTHER, CONCERNING THE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES. BERNE, 14 MAY 1964

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ROYAL EMBASSY OF BELGIUM

EMBASSY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG

ROYAL EMBASSY OF THE NETHERLANDS

Berne, 14 May 1964

Sir,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Governments of the Benelux countries are prepared to conclude with the Swiss Federal Council an Agreement concerning the movement of refugees, in the following terms, which are submitted for your consideration :

The Swiss Federal Council, on the one hand, and the Governments of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, acting together, in accordance with the Convention of 11 April 1960² on the transfer of control of persons to the external frontiers of Benelux territory, on the other hand;

Desiring to facilitate the movement of refugees in their territory;

Taking as a basis the provisions of the Geneva Convention of 28 July 1951³ relating to the Status of Refugees;

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

For the purpose of this Agreement, the term "the Benelux countries" means the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands; the term "Benelux territory" means the whole of the territories in Europe of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The term "provisional residence authorization" means authorization to go to one of the Benelux countries for a period of more than three months.

¹ Came into force on 15 June 1964, in accordance with the provisions of article 10.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 374, p. 3.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 189, p. 137.