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**NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM and LUXEMBOURG
and
ITALY**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning
recognition of the seaman's book as a travel document.
Rome, 12 March and 8 September 1965**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 8382. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS, THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM AND THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC, ON THE OTHER HAND, CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF THE SEAMAN'S BOOK AS A TRAVEL DOCUMENT. ROME, 12 MARCH AND 8 SEPTEMBER 1965

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Rome, 12 March 1965

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that the Governments of the Benelux countries are prepared to conclude with the Italian Government an agreement in the following terms, which are submitted for your consideration :

The Governments of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, on the one hand, and the Italian Government, on the other hand, desiring to facilitate the movement of seamen as much as possible and to bring it into conformity with the new regulations resulting from the transfer of the examination of persons to the external frontiers of Benelux territory, have agreed as follows :

Article 1

For the purposes of this Agreement, the term " the Benelux countries " means the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and 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.

Article 2

Seamen of Italian nationality who are in possession of an Italian seaman's book shall be admitted to Benelux territory without a visa for purposes of engagement, provided that it is indicated in the seaman's book or in some other manner that they must enter Benelux territory in order to join a particular ship in a particular port. In the event that the engagement does not take place for any reason whatsoever, the cost of repatriation shall be paid either by the shipping company or by the Italian Government.

¹ Entered into force on 1 October 1965, in accordance with article 11.