

No. 754

**BELGIUM
and
ITALY**

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement for the abolition of passport visas. Rome, 21 and 30 December 1949

Official texts : French and Italian.

Registered by Belgium on 29 March 1950.

**BELGIQUE
et
ITALIE**

Echange de lettres constituant un accord en vue de la suppression du visa des passeports. Rome, 21 et 30 décembre 1949

Textes officiels français et italien.

Enregistré par la Belgique le 29 mars 1950.

TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION

No. 754. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENTS OF BELGIUM AND ITALY CONSTI-
TUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ FOR THE ABOLITION OF
PASSPORT VISAS. ROME, 21 AND 30 DECEMBER 1949

I

THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

84/04049/30

Rome, 21 December 1949

Your Excellency,

With reference to your letters Nos. 6460 and 6461 of 5 December 1949, I have the honour to inform you that the Italian Government, which shares the Belgian Government's desire, as conveyed by you, to liberalize—in the sense indicated in your letter—the rules governing the movement of persons between our two countries, is prepared to conclude an agreement in the following terms :

“ 1. Italian citizens holding a valid passport may proceed to Belgium, for a stay not exceeding two months, by any route and from any country of departure without being required to obtain a visa in advance.

“ 2. As a rule, an authorization for Italian citizens to extend the two months' stay provided for in paragraph 1 above may not be obtained in Belgium save in very exceptional circumstances and only on grounds which could not have been foreseen at the time of entry.

“ Such authorization shall be granted free of charge by the Aliens' Police Department for a period of stay limited strictly to the grounds relied on, which must be supported by proper evidence, such grounds in no case to include those of employment, work or other gainful occupation.

“ The extension may in no case exceed three months.

“ 3. Italian citizens wishing to leave Italy with the intention of residing in Belgium for a period exceeding two months for any purpose other than those enumerated in paragraph 2 below must, before leaving, apply to a Belgian diplomatic or consular authority *de carrière* for a visa of temporary settlement in Belgium, which will be granted to them free of charge if their application is allowed.

¹ Came into force on 15 January 1950, by the exchange and according to the terms of the said letters.