EXCHANGE OF NOTES

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS CONCERNING THE MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISAS

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Mr. Peter Fraser to Mr. J. B. D. Pennink

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to our various discussions concerning arrangements to permit of freedom of travel between our two countries and to suggest that an agreement in the following terms be concluded for the mutual abolition of *visas* for travel between New Zealand and the Netherlands:—

- "(1) Netherlands nationals shall be free to travel to New Zealand by any route without the necessity of obtaining a *visa* in advance provided they are furnished with valid Netherlands passports.
- "(2) New Zealand citizens shall be free to travel to the Netherlands by any route without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance provided they are furnished with valid New Zealand passports.
- "(3) It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt Netherlands nationals and New Zealand citizens travelling respectively to New Zealand and to the Netherlands from the necessity of complying with the New Zealand and Netherlands 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.