

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Quito July 2 and 4, 1936

Entered into force July 20, 1936

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and January 7, 1963¹*

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The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 88

QUITO, July 2, 1936

EXCELLENCY:

With reference to Your Excellency's courteous note No. 80 of June 16, 1936, proposing the conclusion of a reciprocal agreement for the waiver of passport visa and application fees for Ecuadorean citizens and American nationals who are nonimmigrants, I have the honor to state that my Government has given favorable consideration to the proposal and has authorized me to conclude such an agreement by an exchange of notes.

With the purpose in view of setting forth the exact scope of the agreement as agreed in our conversations, I venture to restate my understanding of the terms and to request Your Excellency's confirmation.

The Government of the United States of America will, from the 20th of July, 1936, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in case of citizens of the Republic of Ecuador desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924,² as amended by the Act of July 6, 1932; namely, [""] (1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily [as a tourist or temporarily] for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade between the United States and the foreign state of which he is a national under and in pursuance of the pro-

¹ 14 UST 757; TIAS 5354.

² 43 Stat. 153.