

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET BY THE  
HON. THE PRIME MINISTER

Extension to Malta of United Kingdom-Morocco  
Visa Abolition Agreement

On the 1st October, 1958, the United Kingdom Government and the Government of Morocco, by Exchange of Notes, agreed to do away with the necessity of obtaining visas on the valid passports of the nationals of each country.

2. The result of this agreement is (a) that Moroccan nationals holding valid Moroccan passports are free to travel from any place whatever to the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and to Gibraltar, without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance, and (b) that British subjects holding valid passports issued in the United Kingdom or Jersey or Guernsey and its Dependencies or Gibraltar are free to travel to Morocco from any place whatever, likewise without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

3. The agreement does not affect the liability of such persons entering these countries to comply with the laws and regulations regarding entry, temporary or permanent residence and the employment or occupation of foreigners. The right is also reserved to the competent authorities of each country to refuse leave to enter or stay in the country in any case where a person is considered to be undesirable or otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the respective Governments relating to the entry of aliens.

4. The Government of Morocco has now suggested that the Agreement should be extended on a reciprocal basis to British Overseas territories who wish to participate, and the Government of Malta has been asked whether it is desired that Malta be included in this Agreement on a reciprocal basis.

5. If the Agreement were to be extended to Malta, the effect would be that Moroccans holding valid passports would be able to visit Malta for a stay not exceeding three months, without having to obtain a visa beforehand. All British subjects holding passports issued in Malta would be able to enter Morocco, likewise without the prior necessity of obtaining a visa.

6. The Immigration Officer sees no objection to the extension of this agreement to Malta. It is,

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however, to be noted that the agreement, if extended to Malta, would imply a discrimination between Moroccan citizens and Maltese British subjects residing in Morocco in that the latter, not being affected by the agreement, would still require an entry permit to come into Malta.

7. Hon. Ministers are kindly requested to say whether they agree that this agreement should be extended to Malta.

22nd March, 1963.

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