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Constituting an Agreement Concerning the Mutual
Recognition of the Validity of Driving Licences**

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**EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BELGIUM AND IRELAND CONCERNING THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION
OF THE VALIDITY OF DRIVING LICENCES**

I

EMBASSY OF BELGIUM

Dublin, 29 December 1972

B 20-93
No. 4277

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that in order to promote the development of international road traffic my Government desires to conclude an agreement with the Irish Government in the following terms.

In the case of motor vehicles registered in Belgium or in Ireland and circulating temporarily in the territory of the other country, the international driving licence shall not be required if the driver presents a valid national licence issued in Belgium or in Ireland.

A specimen Belgian driving licence in French, Dutch and German is enclosed. Such a licence shall confer entitlement to drive only motor vehicles of the class for which it is valid under national legislation. The annexed table sets forth the equivalence of the various types of licence used in the two countries. Drivers holding a national driving licence issued in one of the two countries shall also be authorized to drive temporarily in the territory of the other country vehicles registered in a third country, as well as those registered in the other country, but in such cases only when the vehicle is a motor vehicle used for transporting persons free of charge.

Recognition of national licences may be refused in the same conditions as those established for international driving licences.

The present agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 1973 and may be terminated at any time by either Government subject to three months' notice.

If the Irish Government is in agreement with the foregoing, I have the honour to propose that this letter together with your reply shall be regarded as an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Sir, etc.

[Signed]
W. STEVENS
The Ambassador of Belgium

Mr. P. Hillery
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland
Dublin

II

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DUBLIN 2

29 December 1972

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

[See letter I]

I have the honour to inform you that this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Ireland, which therefore considers that your letter and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments on this subject.

Accept, Sir, etc.

[Signed]
P. J. HILLERY
Minister for Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Mr. Willy Stevens
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Embassy of Belgium
Dublin