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General Affairs Department
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of Israel and, with reference to the latter's note of March 8, 1960 and the Ministry's note No. DAZ/NB-30626 of March 7, 1960, has the honour to inform the Embassy as follows.

The number of persons possessing Netherlands and Israeli nationality annually registered for national service in this country is very small. For the 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962 classes the numbers were three, one and one respectively. So long as these persons possessing double nationality remain in the Netherlands they are, in principle, obliged to perform their military service in this country. They are, however, free to go to Israel before the date they have to commence their military service. Even if they leave for Israel after that date the appropriate Netherlands authorities are prepared to allow them to go to Israel, provided they can satisfy these authorities that they are actually leaving for Israel in the near future. After their departure they are granted exemption from national service as an ordinary conscript for the duration of their stay in that country.

If they return to the Netherlands they will generally have performed their military service in Israel and may therefore request that they be exempted from military service in this country for special reasons. Since the duration of national service in Israel is longer than in the Netherlands such requests will be favourably received.

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To the Embassy of Israel

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- 1) These are only copies.
- 2) Dr. Doolan, who dealt with this agreement, thought that there is no necessity to ask for the originals of these letters, so long as these notes are used for publication.

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Should they not have performed their military service in Israel, which will rarely occur, they will have to perform their military service in the Netherlands if they have not in the meantime exceeded the age-limit.

If, however, their stay in the Netherlands is only of a temporary nature, for example if they have returned to study in this country, they will, in general, be granted deferment from national service for the duration of their stay if they so request. After their return to Israel, this deferment will again be changed into exemption.

The foregoing applies equally to those persons possessing Netherlands and Israeli nationality who were registered for national service (before January 1 of the year in which they reach the age of 35) as a result of their names being entered in a Netherlands population register because they settled in this country coming from abroad (generally Israel).

The relevant figures show that so far the number of persons possessing Netherlands and Israeli nationality who have performed their military service in Israel has been greater than the number of such persons who have done so in this country.

The approximate Netherlands authorities do not know whether persons who have performed their military service in this country are eligible for exemption from national service in Israel after they have settled in that country. If this is not the case it might be recommendable to consider whether the principle of reciprocity can be applied to such persons. The above-mentioned authorities are prepared, in such cases as may arise, to issue a statement certifying that these persons have performed their military service in the Netherlands.

In view of the foregoing these authorities are of the opinion that an exchange of notes concerning this matter is not immediately called for.

The Hague, July 29, 1960.



The Embassy of Israel presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and, with reference to the Ministry's note No. BAZ/KB-93651 of 29 July 1960, has the honour to convey to the Ministry the following information.

The appropriate Israel authorities are willing to exempt from national military service in Israel those persons of Netherlands origin and/or possessing Netherlands and Israel nationality settling in Israel who have already performed their regular military service in the Netherlands. Those persons will only be liable to reserve duties together with people of their age group who have not completed their regular military service in Israel.

The above questions together with the explanations given in the Ministry's note of 29 July 1960 of the procedure which will be followed by the appropriate authorities with regard to natural exemption from regular national military service of nationals having accomplished their service in the Netherlands or in Israel respectively, may therefore be considered as the procedures to be followed by both countries in such cases.

The Embassy of Israel avails itself of this opportunity to refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 27 October 1960.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; THE HAGUE.

General Affairs Department
DAZ/NB-155771

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of Israel and, with reference to the latter's Note, dated October 27th, 1960, has the honour to acknowledge the statement that the appropriate Israel authorities are willing to exempt from national military service in Israel those persons of Netherlands origin and/or possessing Netherlands and Israel nationality settling in Israel who have already performed their regular military service in the Netherlands and that those persons will only be liable to reserve duties together with people of their age group who have accomplished their regular military service in Israel.

The Hague, November 15 1960

To the Embassy of Israel,
The Hague.