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**AUTRICHE,
HONGRIE, ITALIE, POLOGNE,
ROUMANIE, etc.**

Accord au sujet des passeports et
des visas, signé à Graz le 27
janvier 1922.

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HUNGARY, ITALY, POLAND,
ROUMANIA, etc.**

Agreement regarding passports and
visas, signed at Graz, January 27,
1922.

¹TRADUCTION — TRANSLATION.

No. 262. — AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN AUSTRIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, ITALY, POLAND, ROUMANIA AND THE KINGDOM OF THE SERBS-CROATS AND SLOVENES REGARDING PASSPORTS AND VISAS², SIGNED AT GRAZ, JANUARY 27, 1922.

*French official text communicated by the Austrian Representative accredited to the League of Nations.
The registration of this Agreement took place on May 15, 1922.*

Whereas the Conference convened by the League of Nations at Paris, in October 1920, adopted resolutions intended to provide increased facilities for the issue of passports and visas and to unify and reduce the fees relating thereto, though these resolutions have not yet been generally put into force ;

And whereas the Conference of Porto Rosa referred the question of passports and visas to a further Conference of the Succession States to be convened at Graz for the purpose of investigating the most satisfactory methods of giving effect to these resolutions :

The Contracting Parties nominated the following as their representatives :

FOR THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRIAN REPUBLIC :

- M. Robert LUKES, Consul-General of the First Class ;
- M. Egon HEIN, Consul-General of the Second Class ;

FOR HIS SERENE HIGHNESS THE REGENT OF HUNGARY :

- M. Ladislav GÖMÖRY-LAIML DE DEDINA, Councillor of State ;

FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY :

- M. Carlo DE CONSTANTIN DE CHATEAUNEUF, His Majesty's Consul ;
- Comm. Av. Michele ADINOLFI, Councillor at the Prefecture ;
- Cav. Dr. Fausto PIZZICHELLI, Head of Department.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH REPUBLIC :

- M. Stanislas MILLAK, Assistant Head of Department ;
- M. Zbigniew August MISZKE, Acting -Vice-Consul at the Consulate at Trieste ;

FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ROUMANIA :

- M. Georges GRIGORCEA, Councillor to the Royal Legation at Vienna ;

¹ Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations.

¹ Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

² The deposit of the ratifications by Austria, Hungary, Italy and Czechoslovakia took place at Vienna, March 27, 1922.

FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE SERBS, CROATS AND SLOVENES :

M. Vladimir BUDISAVLJEVIC DE PRIJEDOR, Consular Representative at Graz ;

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC :

Dr. Richard STRETTI, Councillor of State ;

Who, having exchanged their full powers, which were found to be in good and due form, *have agreed upon the following provisions :*

A. ISSUE OF PASSPORTS.

(1) *Uniform type of ordinary passports.* A uniform type of ordinary (non-diplomatic) passport — “ international pattern ” (for types see annexes 1 and 2 of the Paris Resolution) — shall be established subject to the recommendations made by the Graz Conference.

(2) *Duration and validity of passport.* The passport shall be valid for a period not exceeding two years and not less than one year, save in exceptional cases where the passport is valid for a shorter period, but only in the case of a passport issued for a single journey.

(3) *Fee to be charged.* The fee charged shall not be in the nature of a tax and shall be levied without making any distinction between the countries for which the passport is issued ; nationals and non-nationals shall be treated on a basis of absolute equality in the event of passports being issued by a Succession State to persons other than its nationals.

B. PRELIMINARY VISAS.

(4) *Preliminary visas (i.e., visas granted by the authorities issuing the passport, or by their representatives)* will only be required in case the validity of the passport is subject to doubt ; such visas will always be given free of charge.

C. EXIT VISAS.

(5) *Exit visas* shall be abolished in the case of nationals of the Contracting Powers.

D. ENTRANCE VISAS.

(6) *Passports not covering all destinations.* Subject to the legitimate exercise of the right of asylum, a visa will not be granted for entrance into the territory of a country which is not named in the passport as a country of destination.

(7) *Duration of the validity of a visa.* For passports issued for a single journey, the duration of the validity of the visa shall be the same as that of the passport. For passports issued for a period of not less than one year, the visa shall be valid for one year or for a single journey, in accordance with the application of the holder of the passport.

A visa for one year (12 months) shall be valid for any number of journeys (crossing the frontiers).

Except for special reasons, justified by considerations of health or of national security, visas given will always be valid for all frontiers.

(8) *Fee charged.* It is understood that the fee for the visa shall be determined according to the nationality of the applicant and regardless of the country in which he happens to be.

The charge for an entrance visa valid for one year shall be fixed at 10 gold francs, and for a single journey at 5 gold francs, subject to any special agreements according more favourable rates which have been, or may be, concluded between the various Succession States.

Entrance visas shall be issued free of charge to persons who are able to show that their income does not, having regard to the economic conditions obtaining in their place of residence, exceed the sum required for the maintenance of themselves and their families. Evidence to this effect

will not, as a general rule, be necessary in the case of permanent and temporary employees in public administrations, including members of the land and sea forces, temporary employees, artisans, workmen, servants, ships' crews and day labourers, and, in addition, all such persons as proceed abroad to engage in manual labour. This provision shall apply also to families of the above-mentioned persons (wives, children), even if they travel independently, and to widows and orphans of the above-mentioned permanent employees. Proof may be called for should the competent authority entertain reasonable doubt regarding the grounds assigned for complete exemption from the charges.

Persons actually taking part in scientific and artistic conferences shall likewise be exempt from charges for visas.

E. TRANSIT VISAS.

(9) *Issue of visa.* Transit visas shall, unless there are exceptional reasons to the contrary, be issued at once to the nationals of the Contracting Powers upon production of the entrance visa for the country of destination and, where necessary, of transit visas for the intermediate countries.

(10) *Duration of validity of visa.* The duration of validity of a transit visa shall be the same as that of the visa of the country of destination.

(11) *Fee charged.* The fee for a transit visa shall be fixed at one gold franc unless more favourable arrangements are provided for in special agreements which have been, or may be, concluded between the various Succession States.

The provisions mentioned in § 8 regarding complete exemption from fees shall also apply to the transit visa.

A transit visa endorsed upon a passport which is issued for a single journey shall be valid for the return journey and the charge shall be one gold franc.

F. COLLECTIVE PASSPORT.

(12) *Family passports.* The previous provisions shall be applicable to family passports including husband, wife and children under fifteen years of age ; a family passport being considered, especially as regards the charges levied, as an individual passport.

G. FACILITIES.

(13) *Simplification of the formalities at the frontiers.* The Succession States undertake to abolish, within three months after the coming into force of this Agreement, any charge levied in connection with the examination of passports at the frontiers.

(14) *Personal attendance of the applicant for a visa.* As regards the entrance visa, applications shall, as a rule, be made in person. In the case of persons entitled to special consideration, the authorities issuing the visas will dispense with the right of insisting upon the personal attendance of the applicant.

As regards transit visas, personal attendance will not be required except in cases where the authorities issuing the visa are not fully satisfied.

(15) *Territorial competence.* In order to obtain a visa the applicant must apply to the competent diplomatic or consular authority for the area in which he is resident.

Nevertheless, in the case of persons entitled to special consideration, the diplomatic or consular authority may issue visas to persons who are not resident in his area.

(16) *Necessity and reason for the journey.* The applicant for the visa shall not be required to prove the necessity for the journey save in special cases where the presence of certain persons might constitute a danger to national security or the public health, or when internal economic difficulties render such proof necessary.

The applicant is bound to impart the reason for the journey so that the charge for the visa may be fixed accordingly.

(17) *Preliminary enquiry and approval.* Visas shall be issued at once without preliminary enquiry or approval.

Enquiries may be made when there is reason to suspect danger to national security or the public health, and, as regards the entrance visa, on account of international economic difficulties (for example, in order to regulate the labour market).

At the request of the applicant, the competent authority shall carry out the enquiries by telegram; in such cases the period allowed for a definite reply (affirmative or negative) shall not exceed fifteen days. The charges arising from the exchange of telegrams between the diplomatic or consular authority and the authority which is asked to make investigations shall be borne by the applicant.

The present Agreement shall be ratified.

Ratifications shall be deposited at Vienna within two months after the signature of this Agreement.

Minutes of the deposit of ratifications shall be drawn up as soon as the Agreement has been ratified by Austria, Hungary, Italy and Czechoslovakia.

The Agreement shall come into force between the Contracting Parties who have thus ratified it from the date on which these Minutes are drawn up.

The Agreement shall come into force as regards Poland, Roumania and the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes on the date of their adhesion and of the deposit of their ratifications.

The Austrian Government shall transmit to all the signatory Powers a certified copy of the Minutes of the deposit of ratifications.

This Agreement may be denounced by any one of the Contracting Parties after the expiration of one year from the date of the first Minutes of the deposit of ratifications; it will then cease to be operative after a period of three months from the date on which the denunciation has been notified to the other Contracting Party.

In faith whereof the above-named Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Agreement.

Done at Graz the twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, in a single copy which shall remain deposited in the archives of the Austrian Republic and of which certified true copies shall be transmitted to each of the Signatory Powers.

(Signed) LUKES.

(Signed) EGON HEIN.

(Signed) LADISLAS GÖMÖRY-LAIML DE DEDINA.

(Signed) C. DE CONSTANTIN.

(Signed) M. ADINOLFI.

(Signed) FAUSTO PIZZICHELLI.

(Signed) Dr. RICHARD STRETTI.

Subject to the future adhesion of the Polish Republic to points 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and the second paragraph of point 16.

(Signed) STANISLAS MILLAK.

ZBIGNIEW A. MISZKE.

Noted ad referendum,

(Signed) GEORGES GRIGORCEA.

Noted ad referendum,

(Signed) VLADIMIR BUDISAVLJEVIC DE PRIJEDOR.