No. 2655

SWEDEN, DENMARK, FINLAND and NORWAY

Protocol concerning the abolition of passports for travel between Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway. Signed at Stockholm, on 14 July 1952

Official texts: Swedish, Danish, Finnish and Norwegian. Registered by Sweden on 12 August 1954.

SUÈDE, DANEMARK, FINLANDE et NORVÈGE

Protocole relatif à la suppression des passeports pour les voyages entre ces pays. Signé à Stockholm, le 14 juillet 1952

Textes officiels suédois, danois, finnois et norvégien.

Enregistré par la Suède le 12 août 1954.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 2655. PROTOCOL¹ CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF PASSPORTS FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN SWEDEN, DEN-MARK, FINLAND AND NORWAY. SIGNED AT STOCK-HOLM, ON 14 JULY 1952

The Swedish, Danish, Finnish and Norwegian Governments have each decided that as from 12 July 1952 nationals of Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway shall no longer be required to have a passport or other travel document when travelling from any one to any other of those countries or for residence in any other Scandinavian country during such time as a residence permit is not required.

The said Governments have this day concluded an Agreement² for the readmittance of aliens who have illegally entered the territory of another contracting party.

In this connexion the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have agreed as follows :

The Governments of the above-mentioned States hereby declare that if any of them considers it necessary to require passports in respect of the nationals of one or more of those States, such action shall not be taken unless the Governments of the other States have, so far as possible, been consulted beforehand and efforts have been made to settle any differences which may have arisen and, in addition, reasonable notice of the denunciation of the Protocol has been given. Nevertheless, any of the Governments of the above-mentioned States may without previous notice require passports in respect of the nationals of one or more of the other States in the event of war or a threat of war or other extraordinary circumstances of an international or national character, but in such case the Governments of the other States concerned shall forthwith be informed of the action taken.

The Governments acceding to this Protocol have further agreed that the Government of Iceland may, by an exchange of notes and subject to reciprocity, participate in the present arrangement for the abolition of passports in respect of the nationals of Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway, and accede both to the present Protocol and to the Agreement for the readmittance of aliens who have illegally entered the territory of another contracting party.

¹ Came into force retroactively on 12 July 1952, in accordance with the terms of the Protocol.

² See p. 47 of this volume.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present Protocol and have thereto affixed their seals.

DONE at Stockholm on 14 July 1952 in a single original in the Swedish, Danish, Finnish and Norwegian languages.

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