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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 4454. CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA REGULATING THE CITIZENSHIP OF PERSONS HAVING DUAL CITIZENSHIP. SIGNED AT TIRANA, ON 18 SEPTEMBER 1957

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and
The Government of the People's Republic of Albania,

Considering that in the territory of the Contracting Parties there are a number of persons whom both Parties, in accordance with their legislation, regard as their citizens, and

Desiring to eliminate any cases of dual citizenship on the basis of the free choice of citizenship by the persons concerned,

Have resolved to conclude this Convention and for this purpose have appointed as their plenipotentiaries :

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics : Mr. V. I. Ivanov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the USSR in the People's Republic of Albania,

The Government of the People's Republic of Albania : Mr. Vasil Nathanaili, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Albania,

Who, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows :

Article 1

Persons resident in the territory of one Contracting Party whom both Contracting Parties, under their legislation, regard as their citizens may, in accordance with this Convention, opt for the citizenship of either Party.

Article 2

Persons to whom article 1 of this Convention applies who are resident in the territory of one Contracting Party and who wish to opt for the citizenship of the other Contracting Party shall file a declaration to that effect with the Embassy of the latter Party.

¹ Came into force on 29 April 1958, as from the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification at Moscow, in accordance with article 10.

The time-limit for filing declarations of option shall be one year from the date of the entry into force of this Convention.

Article 3

Declarations of option may be filed only by persons of full age. For the purpose of this Convention, "persons of full age" means persons who have attained the age of eighteen years or persons under that age who are married.

Article 4

1. Persons under full age shall follow the citizenship of their parents, where both parents, in accordance with this Convention, have the same citizenship.

2. Where one parent has or opts for the citizenship of one Contracting Party and the other the citizenship of the other Contracting Party, the citizenship of their children under full age who have dual citizenship shall be determined by agreement between the parents. In the absence of such agreement, the children shall retain the citizenship of the Contracting Party in whose territory they are resident.

Children, one of whose parents is resident in the territory of one Contracting Party and the other in the territory of the other Contracting Party, shall follow the citizenship of the parent in whose custody they are, unless the parents have agreed otherwise.

3. Children under full age whose parents are dead or the whereabouts of whose parents are unknown shall retain the citizenship of the Contracting Party in whose territory they are resident on the date of the expiry of a period of one year from the date of the entry into force of this Convention.

4. Persons under full age who have attained the age of fourteen years may, by filing a declaration, opt for the citizenship of the other Contracting Party, if they wish to prevent the application to them of the preceding provisions of this article.

Article 5

The exercise of option under this Convention shall be entirely voluntary.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party shall notify the other Contracting Party, not later than six months after the expiry of the time-limit specified in article 2 of this Convention, of such declarations of option for its citizenship as it has received, indicating which declaration have been accepted.

Persons whose declarations are not accepted shall be regarded as having filed no declaration and shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of the second paragraph of article 7 of this Convention.

Article 7

Persons to whom article 1 of this Convention applies and whose declarations of option are accepted shall be regarded as citizens solely of that Contracting Party for whose citizenship they have opted.

Persons who fail to file a declaration of option within the time-limit specified in article 2 of this Convention shall be regarded as citizens solely of that Contracting Party in whose territory they are resident.

Article 8

Persons who, after their declarations of option for the citizenship of the other Contracting Party have been accepted, continue to reside at their former place of residence, shall have the status of aliens and shall be subject to the same treatment as other aliens.

Article 9

Declarations of option and decisions relating to such declarations in accordance with the provisions of this Convention shall not be subject to any taxes.

Article 10

The Contracting Parties have agreed that, upon its entry into force, this Convention shall, for the information of the persons concerned, be published in the Press of the two Parties.

This Convention shall be ratified and shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Moscow.

DONE at Tirana, on 18 September 1957, in duplicate, in the Russian and Albanian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics :

V. I. IVANOV

For the Government
of the People's Republic
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