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and
FRANCE**

**Agreement concerning the movement of refugees. Signed
at Paris, on 15 February 1957**

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et
FRANCE**

**Accord sur la circulation des réfugiés. Signé à Paris, le
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Texte officiel français.

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 4170. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS
AND FRANCE CONCERNING THE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEE-
GEES. SIGNED AT PARIS, ON 15 FEBRUARY 1957

With a view to facilitating the movement of refugees settled in their territories, the Governments of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and of the French Republic have agreed to adopt the following provisions :

Article 1

Refugees who have lawfully settled in the Netherlands or in France shall be exempted on a basis of reciprocity from obtaining a visa when travelling between the Netherlands and France, if they are in possession of a valid refugee travel document issued by the Netherlands or French authorities, in accordance with the Geneva Convention of 28 July 1951.²

Refugees who are in possession of travel documents drawn up in accordance with the "Agreement relating to the issue of a travel document to refugees who are the concern of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees", signed at London on 15 October 1946,³ may benefit by the provisions of this Agreement until the expiry of their travel documents.

Article 2

These facilities shall apply only to a stay of three months or less in the Netherlands or in France. A visa shall still be required for any stay exceeding that period.

The Netherlands or French authorities, as the case may be, shall make the following entry in the travel document : "By virtue of the Agreement concluded on 15 February 1957, the holder of this travel document does not require a visa for a three-months' stay in the Netherlands or in France".

Article 3

The refugees referred to in article 1 shall be subject, while in Netherlands or French territory, as the case may be, to the regulations concerning aliens in force in that territory.

¹ Came into force on 28 May 1957, in accordance with article 5.

² United Nations, *Treaty series*, Vol. 189, p. 137 ; Vol. 190, p. 385 ; Vol. 191, p. 409 ; Vol. 199, p. 357 ; Vol. 200, p. 336 ; Vol. 201, p. 387 ; Vol. 202, p. 368 ; Vol. 214, p. 376 ; Vol. 223, p. 377 ; Vol. 230, p. 441 ; Vol. 237, p. 335 ; Vol. 252, p. 354 ; Vol. 253, p. 365 ; Vol. 254, p. 462 ; Vol. 261, p. 404 ; Vol. 270 and Vol. 278.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 11, p. 73 ; Vol. 76, p. 244 ; Vol. 82, p. 328 ; Vol. 91, p. 369 ; Vol. 97, p. 314, and Vol. 267, p. 362.

Each Government reserves the right to refuse entry into or residence in its territory to persons whom it considers undesirable.

Article 4

A refugee benefiting by the provisions of this Agreement shall be readmitted at any time to the State which issued the travel document, at the simple request of the other State, unless the latter State has authorized him to settle in its territory.

Article 5

This Agreement shall come into force on the date on which the Netherlands Government gives notification that it has been approved by the States-General of the Kingdom.

Article 6

Either Government may suspend the application of this Agreement for grave reasons connected with public order and security. The suspension shall be communicated to the other Party forthwith through the diplomatic channel.

Article 7

Either Government may denounce this Agreement by giving three months' notice.

DONE at Paris on 15 February 1957.

For the Netherlands
Government :

(Signed) W. v. BOETZELAER

For the French
Government :

(Signed) Louis JOXE