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**AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, FRANCE,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, GREECE, etc.**

**European Agreement on regulations governing the movement of persons between Member States of the Council of Europe (with appendix). Done at Paris, on 13 December 1957**

*Official texts: English and French.*

*Registered on 18 November 1958 by the Council of Europe acting on behalf of the Contracting Parties, in accordance with resolution 54 (6) of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted on 3 April 1954.*

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**AUTRICHE, BELGIQUE, FRANCE,  
RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE, GRÈCE, etc.**

**Accord européen sur le régime de la circulation des personnes entre les pays membres du Conseil de l'Europe (avec annexe). Fait à Paris, le 13 décembre 1957**

*Textes officiels anglais et français.*

*Enregistré le 18 novembre 1958 par le Conseil de l'Europe agissant au nom des Parties contractantes, conformément à la résolution (54) 6 du Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe, adoptée le 3 avril 1954.*

No. 4565. EUROPEAN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS BETWEEN MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. DONE AT PARIS, ON 13 DECEMBER 1957

The Governments signatory hereto, being Members of the Council of Europe,

Desirous of facilitating personal travel between their countries,

Have agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

(1) Nationals of the Contracting Parties, whatever their country of residence, may enter or leave the territory of another Party by all frontiers on presentation of one of the documents listed in the Appendix<sup>2</sup> to this Agreement, which is an integral part thereof.

(2) The facilities mentioned in paragraph (1) above shall be available only for visits of not more than three months' duration.

(3) Valid passports and visas may be required for all visits of more than three months' duration whenever the territory of another Party is entered for the purpose of pursuing a gainful activity.

(4) For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "territory" of a Contracting Party shall have the meaning assigned to it by such a Party in a declaration

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with article 9, the Agreement came into force on 1 January 1958 for the following States which had signed the Agreement, without reservation in respect of ratification, on 13 December 1957 :

Belgium (in respect of the Metropolitan Territory, with the exception of the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi);

France (in respect of Metropolitan France);

Italy (in respect of the Metropolitan National Territory).

and on 1 June 1958 for the following States, on behalf of which the instruments of ratification were deposited with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe on the date indicated :

Austria	30 May 1958
Federal Republic of Germany	30 May 1958

(In a letter received by the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe on 11 October 1958, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany declared that the Agreement is equally valid for *Land* Berlin.)

The Agreement was also signed on 13 December 1957, without reservation in respect of ratification, on behalf of the Government of Greece. On signing the Agreement the Greek Representative made the following declaration :

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

The Greek Government reserves the right, under article 7 of the Agreement, to delay the entry into force of this Agreement for security reasons.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 150 of this volume.

addressed to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe for communication to all other Contracting Parties.

*Article 2*

To the extent that one or more Contracting Parties deem necessary, the frontier shall be crossed only at authorised points.

*Article 3*

The foregoing provisions shall in no way prejudice the laws and regulations governing visits by aliens to the territory of any Contracting Party.

*Article 4*

This Agreement shall not prejudice the provisions of any domestic law and bilateral or multilateral treaties, conventions or agreements now in force or which may hereafter enter into force, whereby more favourable terms are applied to the nationals of other Contracting Parties in respect of the crossing of frontiers.

*Article 5*

Each Contracting Party shall allow the holder of any of the documents mentioned in the list drawn up by it and embodied in the Appendix to this Agreement to re-enter its territory without formality even if his nationality is under dispute.

*Article 6*

Each Contracting Party reserves the right to forbid nationals of another Party whom it considers undesirable to enter or stay in its territory.

*Article 7*

Each Contracting Party reserves the option, on grounds relating to *ordre public*, security or public health, to delay the entry into force of this Agreement or order the temporary suspension thereof in respect of all or some of the other Parties, except insofar as the provisions of Article 5 are concerned. This measure shall immediately be notified to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, who shall inform the other Parties. The same procedure shall apply as soon as this measure ceases to be operative.

A Contracting Party which avails itself of either of the options mentioned in the preceding paragraph may not claim the application of this Agreement by another Party save insofar as it also applies it in respect of that Party.

*Article 8*

This Agreement shall be open to the signature of the Members of the Council of Europe, who may become Parties to it either by :

- (a) signature without reservation in respect of ratification;
- (b) signature with reservation in respect of ratification followed by ratification.

Instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.

*Article 9*

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which three Members of the Council shall, in accordance with Article 8, have signed the Agreement without reservation in respect of ratification or shall have ratified it.

In the case of any Member who shall subsequently sign the Agreement without reservation in respect of ratification or shall ratify it, the Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following such signature or the deposit of the instrument of ratification.

*Article 10*

After entry into force of this Agreement, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe may invite any non-Member State to accede to it. Such accession shall take effect on the first day of the month following the deposit of the instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.

*Article 11*

Any Government wishing to sign or accede to this Agreement which has not yet drawn up its list of the documents mentioned in Article 1, paragraph 1, and appearing in the Appendix, shall submit a list of such documents to the Contracting Parties through the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe. This list shall be considered to be approved by all the Contracting Parties and shall be added to the Appendix to this Agreement if no objection is raised within two months of its transmission by the Secretary-General.

The same procedure shall apply if a signatory Government wishes to alter the list of documents drawn up by it and embodied in the Appendix.

*Article 12*

The Secretary-General of the Council of Europe shall notify Members of the Council and acceding States :

- (a) of the date of entry into force of this Agreement and the names of any Members who have signed without reservation in respect of ratification or who have ratified it;
- (b) of the deposit of any instrument of accession in accordance with Article 10;
- (c) of any notification received in accordance with Article 13 and of its effective date.

*Article 13*

Any Contracting Party may terminate its own application of the Agreement by giving three months' notice to that effect to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Convention.

DONE at Paris, this 13th day of December 1957, in English and French, both texts being equally authentic, in a single copy which shall remain deposited in the archives of the Council of Europe. The Secretary-General of the Council of Europe shall transmit certified copies to the signatory Governments.

For the Government  
of the Republic of Austria :

*with reservation  
in respect of ratification*

Pour le Gouvernement  
de la République d'Autriche :

*sous réserve  
de ratification*

Leopold FIGL

For the Government  
of the Kingdom of Belgium :

Pour le Gouvernement  
du Royaume de Belgique :

V. LAROCK

For the Government  
of the Kingdom of Denmark :

Pour le Gouvernement  
du Royaume de Danemark :

For the Government  
of the French Republic :

Pour le Gouvernement  
de la République française :

M. FAURE

For the Government of the  
Federal Republic of Germany :

Pour le Gouvernement de la  
République Fédérale d'Allemagne :

*sous réserve de ratification<sup>1</sup>*

V. BRENTANO

For the Government  
of the Kingdom of Greece :

Pour le Gouvernement  
du Royaume de Grèce :

Grég. CASSIMATIS

For the Government  
of the Icelandic Republic :

Pour le Gouvernement  
de la République islandaise :

For the Government  
of Ireland :

Pour le Gouvernement  
d'Irlande :

<sup>1</sup> With reservation in respect of ratification.

For the Government  
of the Italian Republic :

Pour le Gouvernement  
de la République italienne :

Massimo MAGISTRATI

For the Government of the  
Grand Duchy of Luxembourg :

Pour le Gouvernement du  
Grand Duché de Luxembourg :

*with reservation  
in respect of ratification*

*sous réserve  
de ratification*

Robert ALS

For the Government of the  
Kingdom of the Netherlands :

Pour le Gouvernement  
du Royaume des Pays-Bas :

For the Government  
of the Kingdom of Norway :

Pour le Gouvernement  
du Royaume de Norvège :

For the Government  
of the Kingdom of Sweden :

Pour le Gouvernement  
du Royaume de Suède :

For the Government  
of the Turkish Republic :

Pour le Gouvernement  
de la République turque :

For the Government  
of the United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Northern Ireland :

Pour le Gouvernement  
du Royaume-Uni de Grande-  
Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord :

## APPENDIX

## AUSTRIA

Valid passport<sup>1</sup>  
Official identity card  
Child's travel certificate.

## BELGIUM

Belgian passport valid or expired within the last 5 years

Official identity card  
Official identity and registration of immatriculation card, issued by a Belgian diplomatic or consular agent abroad  
Identity certificate with photograph issued by a Belgian Local Authority to a child under 12 years of age  
Identity paper without photograph issued by a Belgian Local Authority to a child under 12 years of age. This document will only be accepted in the case of children travelling with their parents  
Valid alien's identity card, issued by the competent authorities of the country of residence, for Belgians lawfully residing in France, Luxembourg and Switzerland, and stating that the bearer is of Belgian nationality.

## FRANCE

French passport, valid or expired within the last five years

Valid French identity card  
Valid alien's identity card issued by the competent authority in the country of residence; for French nationals lawfully residing in Belgium, Luxembourg and Switzerland the card must indicate the holder's nationality.

## FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Valid German passport or child's travel certificate  
Valid German identity card  
Valid West Berlin provisional identity card and child's certificate bearing a photograph.

## ITALY

Valid passport of the Italian Republic  
Official identity card of the Italian Republic stamped by the police authorities  
For children : birth certificate with photograph, stamped by the police.

<sup>1</sup> The Austrian Government requested, in accordance with article 11 of the Agreement, the insertion after the words " valid passport " of the words " or expired within the last five years." This modification was approved by all Contracting Parties and took effect on 11 August 1958.

## LUXEMBOURG

Luxembourg passport, valid or expired within the last 5 years

Official identity card

Identity and travel papers issued to a child of under 15 years of age by a Luxembourg local authority

Valid alien's identity card, issued by the competent authorities of the country of residence, for nationals of Luxembourg lawfully residing in Belgium, France, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, stating that the holder is of Luxembourg nationality.