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**European Agreement on travel by young persons on collective passports between the member countries of the Council of Europe (with annex). Done at Paris, on 16 December 1961**

*Official texts: English and French.*

*Registered on 30 August 1965 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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**Accord européen sur la circulation des jeunes sous couvert du passeport collectif entre les pays membres du Conseil de l'Europe (avec annexe). Fait à Paris, le 16 décembre 1961**

*Textes officiels anglais et français.*

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No. 7909. EUROPEAN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON TRAVEL BY YOUNG PERSONS ON COLLECTIVE PASSPORTS BETWEEN THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.  
DONE AT PARIS, ON 16 DECEMBER 1961

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The signatory Governments of the member States of the Council of Europe,  
Desirous of increasing facilities for travel by young persons between their countries,

Have agreed upon the following Articles :

*Article 1*

Each Contracting Party agrees to admit upon its territory parties of young persons from the territory of any other Contracting Party, on a collective travel document satisfying the conditions specified in this Agreement.

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with article 15, the Agreement entered into force on 16 January 1962, one month after the date on which three Members of the Council of Europe had signed the Agreement without reservation in respect of ratification or approval. For the Members of the Council who subsequently signed the Agreement without such reservation or, having signed it subject to ratification or approval, deposited their instruments of ratification, the Agreement came into force one month after the date of signature or deposit of the instrument. Following is the list of States in respect of which the Agreement entered into force, indicating in respect of each State either the date of signature without reservation as to ratification or the date of deposit of the instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, and the date of entry into force :

<i>State</i>	<i>Signature or deposit of instrument of ratification (r)</i>	<i>Date of entry into force</i>
Belgium . . . . .	16 December 1961	16 January 1962
France . . . . .	16 December 1961	16 January 1962
Greece* . . . . .	16 December 1961	16 January 1962
Ireland . . . . .	14 May 1962	15 June 1962
Turkey . . . . .	14 September 1962	15 October 1962
Netherlands** . . . . .	4 July 1963 (r)	5 August 1963
Italy . . . . .	6 August 1963 (r)	7 September 1963
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . . . . .	22 June 1964 (r)	23 July 1964

\* With the following declaration : [TRANSLATION† — TRADUCTION††] In respect of article 13, the hellenic Government extends the provisions of the Agreement to young refugees and young stateless persons in accordance with the terms of this Article.

\*\* Declaration notified by the Netherlands Government to the Council of Europe in a letter of 10th January 1964 :

(a) In respect of Article 11, the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, subject to reciprocity, will not demand additional copies of the collective travel document;

(b) in respect of Article 12, the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, subject to reciprocity, will not require individual members of a group travelling under a collective passport to produce an official identity document;

(c) in respect of Article 13, the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will extend the provisions of the Agreement to young refugees and young stateless persons in accordance with the terms of this Article.

† Translation by the Secretariat-General of the Council of Europe.

†† Traduction du Secrétariat général du Conseil de l'Europe.

*Article 2*

Every person included in a collective passport for young persons shall be a national of the country which issued such travel document.

*Article 3*

Young persons up to their 21st birthday shall be eligible for inclusion in a collective document issued under the present Agreement.

*Article 4*

A leader, at least 21 years of age, travelling on a valid individual passport and appointed in accordance with such regulations as may be in force in the territory of the Contracting Party which issued the collective travel document, shall :

- retain possession of the collective travel document;
- remain in company with the party;
- be responsible for complying with formalities at the frontiers;
- ensure that the members of the party remain together.

*Article 5*

The number of persons who may be included in a collective travel document for young persons shall be not less than five, and not more than fifty, excluding the leader.

*Article 6*

All the persons included in a collective document shall remain together.

*Article 7*

If, contrary to the provisions of Article 6, a member of the party travelling on a collective travel document for young persons becomes separated from the party or does not, for any reason, return with the rest of the party to the country which issued the document, the leader of the party shall immediately inform the local authorities and, if possible, the diplomatic or consular representative of the said country.

He shall, in any case, report the fact to the frontier authorities at the place of departure from the country.

The member not leaving the country with his party shall, if required, obtain an individual travel document from the representative of his own country.

*Article 8*

The period of stay for parties travelling on a collective travel document for young persons shall not exceed three months.

*Article 9*

The collective travel document for young persons shall be in the form appended hereto and shall include in every case the following particulars:

- (a) date, place and authority who issued the document;
- (b) description of the party;
- (c) country (or countries) of destination;
- (d) period of validity;
- (e) surname, first names and passport number of the leader;
- (f) surname (in alphabetical order), first names, date and place of birth and place of residence of each member of the party.

*Article 10*

The normal passport-issuing authorities shall issue the collective travel document in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 9 and shall certify that all the persons included in it are nationals of the country which issued the document, as provided in Article 2.

Any amendments or additions to a collective travel document shall be made by the authority which issued it.

*Article 11*

Every collective travel document shall in principle be issued in original only.

Each Contracting Party may, by a declaration addressed to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, when signing this Agreement or depositing its instrument of ratification or approval or accession, state how many additional copies it may require.

*Article 12*

Members of a party travelling on a collective passport shall be exempt from presenting a national identity card.

They must, however, be able to prove their identity in some way, if required to do so.

Each Contracting Party may, by a declaration addressed to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, when signing this Agreement or depositing

its instrument of ratification or approval or accession, specify the way in which members of a party must prove their identity.

### *Article 13*

Each Contracting Party may, by a declaration addressed to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, when signing this Agreement or depositing its instrument of ratification or approval or accession, extend, for the purpose of admission to and stay in its territory and subject to reciprocity, the provisions of this Agreement to young refugees and young stateless persons lawfully resident in the territory of another Contracting Party and whose return thereto is guaranteed. This declaration may be withdrawn at any time by notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.

### *Article 14*

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

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

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

### *Article 15*

The present Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which three Members of the Council shall, in accordance with Article 14, have signed the Agreement without reservation in respect of ratification or approval or shall have ratified or approved it.

In the case of any Member of the Council who shall subsequently sign the Agreement without reservation in respect of ratification or approval, or who shall ratify or approve it, the Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date of such signature or the date of deposit of the instrument of ratification or approval.

### *Article 16*

After the entry into force of this Agreement, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe may invite any non-member State to accede to the present Agreement. Such accession shall take effect one month after the date of deposit of the instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.

*Article 17*

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 of the names of any Members who have signed without reservation in respect of ratification or approval or who have ratified or approved it;
- (b) of the deposit of any instrument of accession in accordance with Article 16;
- (c) of any declaration or notification received in accordance with the provisions of Articles 11, 12 and 13;
- (d) of any notification received in accordance with Article 18 and its effective date.

*Article 18*

The present Agreement shall remain in force indefinitely.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Paris, this 16th day of December 1961, in English and French, both texts being equally authoritative, in a single copy which shall remain deposited in the archives of the Council of Europe. The Secretary-General shall transmit certified copies to each of the signatory and acceding Governments.

For the Government  
of the Republic of Austria:

Pour le Gouvernement  
de la République d'Autriche :

For the Government  
of the Kingdom of Belgium:

At the time of signature, the Belgian Government declares:

(a) in respect of Article 11, the Belgian Government, subject to reciprocity, will not demand a copy of the collective travel document;

(b) in respect of Article 12, the Belgian Government, subject to reciprocity, will not require individual members of a group travelling under a collective passport to produce an official identity document;

(c) in respect of Article 13, the Belgian Government reserves the right to transmit at a later date the text of its declaration concerning this article.<sup>1</sup>

Pour le Gouvernement  
du Royaume de Belgique :

Au moment de la signature, le Gouvernement belge déclare :

a) en ce qui concerne l'article 11, le Gouvernement belge, sous réserve de réciprocité, n'exigera pas d'exemplaire du titre de voyage collectif;

b) en ce qui concerne l'article 12, le Gouvernement belge, sous réserve de réciprocité, dispensera les membres du groupe voyageant sous le couvert du passeport collectif de la présentation de tout document individuel officiel;

c) en ce qui concerne l'article 13, le Gouvernement belge se réserve le droit de communiquer ultérieurement le texte de sa déclaration relative à cet article<sup>1</sup>.

M. FAYAT

For the Government  
of the Republic of Cyprus:

Pour le Gouvernement  
de la République de Chypre:

<sup>1</sup> Declaration concerning Article 13 transmitted by Belgium at a later date than the signature :

The provisions of this Agreement shall be extended to young refugees and young stateless persons in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

<sup>1</sup> Déclaration relative à l'article 13 transmise par la Belgique ultérieurement à la signature :

Les dispositions de l'Accord s'étendent aux jeunes réfugiés et apatrides conformément aux dispositions de cet article.

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 :

At the time of signature, the Government of the French Republic declares :

(a) in respect of Article 12, that proof of identity may be furnished by any legal means;

(b) in respect of Article 13, that it will extend the provisions of the Agreement to young refugees and young stateless persons in accordance with the terms of this Article.

Au moment de la signature, le Gouvernement de la République française déclare :

a) en ce qui concerne l'article 12, que l'identité pourra être justifiée par tous les moyens légaux;

b) en ce qui concerne l'article 13, étendre les dispositions de l'Accord aux jeunes réfugiés et apatrides conformément aux dispositions de cet article.

M. COUVE DE MURVILLE

For the Government  
of the Federal Republic of Germany :

Pour le Gouvernement  
de la République Fédérale d'Allemagne :

For the Government  
of the Kingdom of Greece :

Pour le Gouvernement  
du Royaume de Grèce :

AVEROFF TOSSIZZA

For the Government  
of the Icelandic Republic :

Pour le Gouvernement  
de la République islandaise :

For the Government  
of Ireland :<sup>1</sup>

Pour le Gouvernement  
d'Irlande<sup>1</sup> :

Signed at Strasbourg, this 14th day of May 1962<sup>2</sup>

Frank AIKEN

<sup>1</sup> At the time of signature, the Government of Ireland communicated to the Council of Europe the following declarations :

In accordance with the terms of the European Agreement on travel by young persons on collective passports, the Irish Government wish to make the following declarations under Articles 11, 12 and 13 :

#### *Article 11*

One additional copy of the collective passport will be required if the party is not composed solely of nationals of the Contracting Party which issues the document.

#### *Article 12*

Young persons aged 16 years or over must be in possession of an official identity document bearing a photograph (e.g. an identity card, driving licence, certificate of nationality for travel purposes or a passport which has expired not more than three years previously). Alternatively, a photograph, certified by the leader of the party, the organisers of the party or an official authority should be firmly affixed to the collective passport opposite the name of the individual whom it concerns.

#### *Article 13*

The Irish Government are prepared to extend the provisions of the Agreement to young stateless persons lawfully resident in the territory of another Contracting Party subject to the following conditions :

1. It is understood that any young stateless person included on a collective passport will be readmitted to the territory of the Contracting Party which issues the document without time limit and even if he does not return with the party.

2. The collective passport must

(a) bear a clear indication at the top that the party is not composed solely of nationals but includes stateless persons, and

(b) list separately the names of the stateless persons and their status.

3. A copy of the collective passport must be provided for the immigration authorities.

4. Each stateless person aged 16 years or over must carry an identity card bearing a photograph.

<sup>1</sup> Au moment de la signature, le Gouvernement d'Irlande a remis au Conseil de l'Europe le texte des déclarations suivantes :

Conformément aux termes de l'Accord européen sur la circulation des jeunes sous couvert d'un passeport collectif, le Gouvernement irlandais désire faire les déclarations ci-après au titre des articles 11, 12 et 13.

#### *Article 11*

Un exemplaire supplémentaire du passeport collectif sera requis si le groupe n'est pas composé uniquement de ressortissants de la Partie Contractante qui a délivré le document.

#### *Article 12*

Les jeunes, à partir de l'âge de 16 ans, doivent être munis d'un document d'identité officiel portant une photographie (par exemple une carte d'identité, un permis de conduire, un certificat de nationalité aux fins de voyage ou un passeport dont l'expiration ne remonte pas à plus de trois ans). À défaut de ce document, une photographie certifiée conforme par le chef ou les organisateurs du groupe ou une autorité officielle doit être fixée au passeport collectif en face du nom de la personne intéressée.

#### *Article 13*

Le Gouvernement irlandais est disposé à étendre les dispositions de l'Accord aux jeunes apatrides résidant régulièrement sur le territoire d'une autre Partie Contractante, aux conditions suivantes :

1. Il est entendu que tout jeune apatride venu sous couvert d'un passeport collectif sera ré-admis sur le territoire de la Partie Contractante qui a délivré le document sans limite de temps et même s'il ne retourne pas avec le groupe.

2. Le passeport collectif doit :

a) indiquer nettement en tête du document que le groupe n'est pas composé seulement de ressortissants mais qu'il comprend aussi des apatrides;

b) faire figurer sur une liste séparée les noms des apatrides, avec l'indication de leur statut.

3. Un exemplaire du passeport collectif doit être prévu pour les autorités d'immigration.

4. Chaque apatride, à partir de l'âge de 16 ans, doit être muni d'une carte d'identité portant une photographie.

\* Signé à Strasbourg, le 14 mai 1962.

For the Government  
of the Italian Republic :

At the time of signature, the Italian Government declares :

(a) in respect of Article 1, the field of application of the Agreement and the reference to persons who shall benefit from it shall be expressly limited to the countries with which the need for entry visas has been abolished.

(b) in respect of Article 12, members of groups travelling under the collective passport will have to prove their personal identity by means of an official document of some kind bearing a photograph.

Pour le Gouvernement  
de la République italienne :

Au moment de la signature, le Gouvernement italien déclare :

a) en ce qui concerne l'article 1<sup>er</sup>, le champ d'application dudit Accord et la référence aux bénéficiaires sont expressément limités aux pays avec lesquels le régime du visa d'entrée a été aboli.

b) en ce qui concerne l'article 12, les membres du groupe voyageant sous couvert du passeport collectif devront justifier de leur identité personnelle au moyen d'un document officiel quelconque, muni de photographie.

sous réserve de ratification ou d'approbation<sup>1</sup>

Carlo RUSSO

For the Government  
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg :

Pour le Gouvernement  
du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg :

sous réserve de ratification ou d'approbation<sup>1</sup>

Pierre WURTH

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

For the Government  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands :

sous réserve de ratification ou d'approbation<sup>1</sup>

J. M. A. H. LUNS

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 :

Strasbourg, le 14 septembre 1962

Nihat DINC

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

At the time of signature, the British  
Government declares :

“The United Kingdom authorities  
will require each person aged sixteen  
years or over who travels in a party  
using a collective passport covered  
by this Agreement to be in pos-  
session of an official identity docu-  
ment bearing a photograph (e.g. an  
identity card, driving licence, certif-

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

Au moment de la signature, le  
Gouvernement britannique déclare :

« Les autorités du Royaume-Uni  
feront obligation à toute personne  
âgée de 16 ans ou plus faisant partie  
d'un groupe de voyageurs muni  
d'un passeport collectif tel qu'il  
est prévu par cet Accord, d'être  
en possession d'une pièce d'identité  
officielle revêtue d'une photographie

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

icate of nationality for travel purposes or a passport which has expired not more than three years previously) or, alternatively, a certified photograph of each such member to be affixed to the collective passport opposite his or her name. These photographs may be certified by the organising body or by the leader of the party and, after they have been affixed to the collective passport, must be stamped by a British Visa Officer in such a way that the photograph cannot be removed and replaced by another.

"It would also be of considerable assistance to the United Kingdom immigration authorities if young persons under the age of sixteen years travelling in parties using a collective passport could carry with them some sort of official identity document, but this is not essential."

(par exemple : carte d'identité, permis de conduire, certificat de nationalité délivré pour les déplacements ou passeport périmé depuis une durée inférieure à 3 ans), à moins qu'une photographie authentifiée de chacun des membres d'un tel groupe ne soit jointe au passeport collectif en regard du nom du voyageur. Les photographies peuvent être authentifiées par l'organisme qui organise le voyage ou par le chef de groupe et doivent, après avoir été jointes au passeport collectif, être revêtues par un fonctionnaire du Service britannique des visas d'un cachet qui sera apposé de telle manière que la photographie ne puisse être détachée et remplacée par une autre.

« La tâche des Services d'immigration du Royaume-Uni serait également facilitée dans des proportions considérables si les jeunes voyageurs âgés de moins de 16 ans faisant partie d'un groupe muni d'un passeport collectif étaient en mesure de produire une pièce d'identité officielle quelconque, bien que ceci ne soit pas absolument indispensable. »

*with reservation in respect of ratification  
or approval*

*sous réserve de ratification  
ou d'approbation*

Edward HEATH

**MODEL COLLECTIVE TRAVEL DOCUMENT**  
*(provided for in Article 9 of the Agreement)*

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

**COLLECTIVE PASSPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Issued in pursuance of the European Agreement on  
 Travel by Young Persons on collective Passports,  
 opened for signature by member countries of the Council of Europe  
 on 16th December 1961

Country of issue .....

Issuing authority .....

Collective passport issued to ..... (*description of party*) .....  
 nationals of ..... (*country*) ..... travelling to .....  
 ..... (*country or countries*) .....  
 through .....

Period of validity .....

Leader of party :      Surname .....  
 First names .....  
 Passport No. ..... (*date and place of issue*) .....  
 .....

*List of members of the party*  
*(in alphabetical order)*

Surname	First names	Place and date of birth	Place of residence
1.			
2.			
3.			

The leader of the Party which is travelling on the present collective passport has been fully apprised of his responsibilities under the European Agreement on Travel by Young Persons.

Issued on ..... at .....

(*Signature and stamp of Issuing Authority*)