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and
ROMANIA**

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**Accord portant abolition de la formalité de visa. Signé à
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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA
CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF VISAS

The Federal Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania, desiring to develop the relations between the two States, have decided to conclude the following Agreement in order to facilitate, on a reciprocal basis, travel by their nationals.

The Governments of the Contracting States have for this purpose appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

The Federal Government of the Republic of Austria:

Dr. Kurt Waldheim, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs;

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania:

Mr. Gheorghe Pele, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary;

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

Article 1

Nationals of one Contracting State may, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, travel in transit through the territory of the other Contracting State or enter it for a temporary stay without a visa from that other State.

Article 2

Nationals of one Contracting State who are holders of valid diplomatic passports may travel in transit through or enter and remain in the territory of the other Contracting State without a visa from that other State for a stay not exceeding six months. If they are members of the diplomatic mission or of a consular post of one Contracting State in the territory of the other Contracting State or representatives of one Contracting State to an international organization having its headquarters in the territory of that other State, they may remain there for the duration of their period of service.

¹ Came into force on 16 January 1969, i.e. thirty days after its signature, in accordance with article 11.

Article 3

Nationals of one Contracting State who are holders of valid service passports may travel in transit through or enter and remain in the territory of the other Contracting State without a visa from that other State for a stay not exceeding three months. If they are members of the diplomatic mission or of a consular post of one Contracting State or representatives of one Contracting State to an international organization having its headquarters in the territory of the other Contracting State, or if they are in the territory of the other Contracting State on other official business of a continuing nature, they may remain there for the duration of their period of service.

Article 4

(1) Nationals of one Contracting State who are holders of valid ordinary passports may travel in transit through or enter and remain in the territory of the other Contracting State as tourists or businessmen without a visa from that other State for a stay not exceeding three months.

(2) The provisions of paragraph 1 of this article shall also apply to nationals of the Contracting States who are travelling as members of a group on a valid collective passport, provided that, in addition, Austrian nationals are holders of a "*Personalausweis der Republik Österreich*" and Romanian citizens are holders of a "*Buletin de identitate*".

Article 5

Nationals of one Contracting State who are holders of one of the passports specified in article 2, article 3 and article 4, paragraph 1, and who are accompanying and living in the same household as a member of the diplomatic mission or of a consular post, a representative to an international organization or any other person who is in the territory of the other Contracting State on continuing official business may enter and remain in the territory of that other State for the duration of the period of service without a visa from that other State.

Article 6

Where nationals of the Contracting States are not exempt under this Agreement from the visa requirement, visas shall be issued on application, in accordance with the laws of the Contracting States and free of consular charges.

Article 7

(1) Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the legal provisions of the Contracting States relating to the residence and exit of aliens.

(2) Similarly, nothing in the Agreement shall affect the right of either Contracting State to deny citizens of the other Contracting State access to its territory or to terminate their stay in its territory for reasons of public security or by reason of a threat to other public interests.

(3) Each Contracting State shall permit the return to its territory of persons entering the territory of the other Contracting State without a visa on the basis of this Agreement as holders of a valid passport issued by its competent authorities.

Article 8

Nationals of one Contracting State may cross the frontier of the other Contracting State at all the frontier crossing points open for international passenger traffic.

Article 9

Either Contracting State may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement for reasons of public security or health. Notice of such suspension and of its termination shall be communicated to the other Contracting State in advance through the diplomatic channel.

Article 10

Upon the entry into force of this Agreement, the Agreement of 17 November 1965¹ between the Republic of Austria and the Socialist Republic of Romania concerning the Mutual Abolition of Visas for Holders of Diplomatic Passports shall cease to have effect.

Article 11

This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period of time and shall enter into force thirty days after its signature.

Either Contracting State may denounce the Agreement on three months' notice.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 564, p. 185.

The Agreement was concluded at Vienna, on 17 December 1968, in two original copies, each in the German and Romanian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Federal Government of the Republic of Austria:

Dr. Kurt WALDHEIM

For the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania:

Gheorghe PELE
