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Agreement concerning the abolition of short-stay visas. Signed at Paris on 28 November 1969

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Accord sur la suppression du visa de court séjour. Signé à Paris le 28 novembre 1969

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[Translation — Traduction]

AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF SHORT-STAY VISAS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

The Government of the State of Israel and

The Government of the French Republic,

Desiring to facilitate travel by nationals of each State in the territory of the other, have agreed on the following provisions:

Article 1

Nationals of each Contracting Party, irrespective of their country of residence, may, subject to the provisions of Articles 2 and 6 of this Agreement, enter and leave the territory of the other Party by any frontier without a visa if they hold a valid national passport.

Article 2

The length of stay authorized in the territory of each Contracting Party for persons holding passports without visas shall not exceed three months.

The requirement of securing a visa in advance shall remain applicable to longer stays or to entry into the territory of the other Party with a view to pursuing a gainful occupation.

Article 3

The provisions of the foregoing articles shall not affect the laws and regulations relating to the residence of aliens in the territory of each of the Contracting Parties.

Article 4

Each of the Contracting Parties reserves the right to refuse admission to or permission to stay in its territory to nationals of the other Party whom it considers undesirable.

¹ Came into force on 28 December 1969, one month after signature, in accordance with article 9.

Article 5

Each of the Contracting Parties shall readmit to its territory without formality any person holding the document referred to in Article 1 and issued by it, whether the said document is valid or has expired and even if the nationality of the person concerned is in dispute.

Article 6

Nationals of one of the Contracting Parties resident in the territory of the other may, subject to the legal provisions and regulations in force in that territory, leave and re-enter it without an exit or re-entry visa throughout the period of validity of their residence permit, provided, however, that the period of their absence does not exceed six consecutive months yearly.

Article 7

Each of the Contracting Parties reserves the right temporarily to suspend the application of this Agreement, except the provisions of Article 5, for reasons of public policy, security or public health.

Immediate notice of such suspension shall be given to the other Party through the diplomatic channel and, whenever possible, by agreement between the two Contracting Parties. The same procedure shall be followed when the measure in question is rescinded.

Article 8

This Agreement shall apply, in respect of Israel, to its national territory and, in respect of France, to the European départements of the French Republic.

Article 9

This Agreement shall enter into effect one month after its signature and may be denounced at any time by either Government, such denunciation to take effect ninety days after notice thereof has been given in writing.

Done in duplicate in Paris, on 28 November 1969, in Hebrew and French, both texts being equally authentic.

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