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**UNITED NATIONS
and
AUSTRIA**

**Agreement regarding the arrangements for the Conference
of Plenipotentiaries for the adoption of the Protocol
on Psychotropic Substances (with interpretative letter).
Signed at Vienna on 22 September 1970**

Authentic text : English.

Registered ex officio on 1 December 1970.

**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
et
AUTRICHE**

**Accord relatif aux dispositions à prendre en vue de la
Conférence de plénipotentiaires pour l'adoption du
Protocole sur les substances psychotropes (avec lettre
interprétative). Signé à Vienne le 22 septembre 1970**

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré d'office le 1^{er} décembre 1970.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA REGARD-
ING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE
OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES FOR THE ADOPTION OF
THE PROTOCOL ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

WHEREAS the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, by its resolution 1474 (XLVIII)² of 24 March 1970, decided to convene "in accordance with Article 62, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations and with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 366 (IV)³ of 3 December 1949 " a conference of plenipotentiaries for the adoption of the Protocol on Psychotropic Substances,

WHEREAS the Federal Government of the Republic of Austria (hereinafter referred to as the Government), by a letter of 2 June 1970, invited the United Nations to hold the Conference in Vienna, during the period between 11 January and 19 February 1971,

WHEREAS the Economic and Social Council, in its above-mentioned resolution, defined the objectives, participation and organization of the Conference,

THEREFORE the United Nations and the Government hereby agree as follows :

I. *Premises, equipment, utilities and stationery supplies*

1. The Government shall make available at its expense such conference rooms and offices in the Neue Hofburg and in close proximity thereto as will be necessary for the holding of the Conference. These premises shall include : one large conference room for plenary meetings with adequate seating for the public and press; two appropriate conference rooms for meetings of the Committees; one or two smaller rooms for meetings of working groups without interpretation facilities; a number of rooms for private meetings of delegations; suitable working areas and all necessary equipment for the press and other information media, for documents reproduction and for documents distribution; suitable office accommodation for

¹ Came into force on 22 September 1970 by signature, in accordance with section VIII (3).

² United Nations, *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 1*, p. 7.

³ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourth Session (A/1251)*, p. 64.

officers and staff of the Conference; a room for a library and reference centre; a delegates' lounge; and a large room for use by the interpreters as a combined office and lounge.

2. The premises shall remain at the disposition of the United Nations throughout the Conference and for such additional time in advance of the opening and after the closing as the United Nations Secretariat, in consultation with the Government, shall deem necessary for the preparation and settlement of all matters connected with the Conference.

3. During the Conference the Government shall at its expense furnish, equip and maintain in good repair all the aforementioned rooms and offices in a manner adequate to the effective conduct of the Conference. The large conference room and the smaller conference room shall be equipped for simultaneous interpretation in four languages and shall also have facilities for sound recording. The Government shall also provide suitable facilities for the press, television, radio and film operations.

4. The Government shall at its expense furnish and maintain such equipment as mimeograph and other duplicating machines, typewriters with keyboards in the languages needed, tape recorders, and such other equipment as is necessary for the effective conduct of the Conference.

5. The Government shall provide, within the conference area, a bank, a post office, and telephone and cable facilities.

6. The Government shall pay for all necessary utility services including telephone communications of the Secretariat of the Conference within Vienna and communications by telex between the Secretariat of the Conference and the United Nations Office at Geneva.

7. The United Nations shall provide at its expense all stationery supplies required for the adequate functioning of the Conference.

II. *Transportation and accommodation*

1. The Government shall provide at its expense two chauffeur-driven cars and two station wagons for use by the officers and staff of the Conference. The Government shall also make available at its expense such additional transportation as may be necessary to transport United Nations staff from the airport servicing Vienna to their hotels and from their hotels to the airport.

2. The Government shall make available facilities to assist delegations, secretariat, press and other participants in the Conference in making hotel reservations for the duration of the Conference.

III. *Police protection*

The Government shall furnish at its expense such police protection as may be required to ensure the efficient functioning of the Conference without interference of any kind. While such police services shall be under the direct supervision and control of a senior officer provided by the Government, this officer shall work in close co-operation with the responsible United Nations official so as to ensure a proper atmosphere of security and tranquillity.

IV. *Local personnel for the Conference*

1. The Government shall nominate a liaison officer and a deputy liaison officer between it and the United Nations who shall be responsible for making the necessary arrangements for the holding of the Conference, as set forth in this Agreement.

2. The Government shall engage and provide at its expense the sound engineers and other technical personnel required to ensure the proper functioning of the facilities referred to in section I, paragraphs 3 and 4 above. The Government shall also engage and provide at its expense document reproduction and distribution staff, meeting officers and such clerical assistance and house staff as may be necessary, such as huissiers, messengers and cleaners, as well as drivers of the cars and station wagons referred to in section II above.

V. *Financial arrangements*

In addition to making the above-mentioned facilities available to the Conference, the Government, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV)¹ of 14 January 1970, shall assume responsibility for the additional expenditures to the United Nations budget provisionally estimated at approximately \$75,000, that may be directly or indirectly incurred as a result of the holding of the Conference in Vienna rather than at the United Nations Office at Geneva. Reimbursement of the United Nations shall be made as soon as possible after the close of the Conference, and not later than 30 May 1971.

¹ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/7630)*, p. 86.

VI. *Liability*

The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any actions, claims or other demands arising out of (a) injury or damage to person or property in the premises referred to in section I above; (b) injury or damage to person or property caused by, or incurred in using, the transportation referred to in section II above; (c) the employment for the Conference of the personnel referred to in section IV above, and the Government shall hold the United Nations and its personnel harmless in respect of any such actions, claims or other demands.

VII. *Privileges and Immunities*

1. The provisions relating to privileges and immunities in the Agreement between the United Nations and the Republic of Austria regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization shall be applicable with regard to the Conference. The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations¹ is hereby not affected.

2. Representatives of Member States attending the Conference and officials of the United Nations concerned with the Conference shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as are accorded to representatives to meetings of the UNIDO and to officials of the UNIDO under the Agreement outlined in paragraph (1).

3. Representatives of States not members of the United Nations attending the Conference shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as provided for in paragraph (2) above for representatives of Member States.

4. Observers for the specialized agencies and other inter-governmental organizations invited to the Conference shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as are accorded to officials of comparable rank of the United Nations.

5. Any visa required for such persons shall be granted promptly. It shall be granted without charge by an Austrian diplomatic or consular representative.

6. The area designated under section I shall be deemed to constitute United Nations premises, and access to these premises shall be under the control and authority of the United Nations.

VIII. *General provisions*

1. This Agreement may be modified by written agreement between the United Nations and the Government.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. I, p. 15, and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. I, p. 18).

2. The United Nations will in due course and in good time, and at least within two weeks, inform the Government in writing of the specific capacity, number or nature of the facilities it requires under this Agreement.

3. This Agreement shall enter into force when signed on behalf of both parties and shall remain in force for the duration of the Conference and for such time as is necessary for all matters relating to the session of the Conference to be settled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective representatives of the United Nations and of the Federal Government of Austria have signed this Agreement this day of twenty-second September one thousand nine hundred and seventy.

For the United Nations :

V. WINSPEARE

Under-Secretary-General

For the Federal Government
of Austria :

[Signed — Signé] ¹

Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs

INTERPRETATIVE LETTER

MISSION PERMANENTE DE L'AUTRICHE AUPRÈS DE L'OFFICE
DES NATIONS UNIES ET DES INSTITUTIONS SPÉCIALISÉES À GENÈVE ²

Geneva, October 2nd, 1970

No. 4754-A/70

Sir,

With reference to the Agreement between the United Nations and the Federal Government of Austria regarding the Arrangements for the Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the Adoption of the Protocol on Psychotropic Substances, which was signed by you and the Austrian Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs on the 22 September 1970 in Vienna, I have the honour to inform you that the Austrian interpretation of Article VII, Para 5, of the above mentioned agreement is as follows :

“... all persons referred to in this article and all persons performing functions in connection with the conference who are not nationals of Austria, shall have the right of entry into and exit from Austria.

¹ Signed by Rudolf Kirchschlaeger - Signé par Rudolf Kirchschlaeger.

² Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations and to the Specialized Agencies at Geneva.

Visas and entry permits, where required, shall be granted free of charge, as speedily as possible and, when applications are made at least 2-1/2 weeks before the opening of the conference, not later than 2 weeks before the date of the opening of the conference. If the application for the visa is not made at least 2-1/2 weeks before the opening of the conference, the visa shall be granted not later than 3 days from the receipt of the application."

From the Austrian point of view, the addition of the sentence "Exit permits where required, shall be granted free of charge and as speedily as possible, in any case not later than 3 days before the closing of the conference," does not seem to be necessary, because according to Austrian law, exit permits are not required.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

EUGEN F. BURESCH
Ambassador

H. E. Mr. Vittorio Winspeare-Guicciardi
Under Secretary-General
Director General of the United Nations Office at Geneva
Geneva
