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**NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM and LUXEMBOURG
(BENELUX),
and
BARBADOS**

**Agreement on the waiver of visa requirements. Signed at
London on 18 June 1971**

Authentic text: English.

Registered by the Netherlands on 4 November 1971.

**PAYS-BAS, BELGIQUE et LUXEMBOURG
(BENELUX),
et
BARBADE**

**Accord relatif à la suppression de la formalité du visa. Signé
à Londres le 18 juin 1971**

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 4 novembre 1971.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE BENELUX COUNTRIES AND BARBADOS ON THE WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS

The Governments of the Benelux countries acting jointly under the Agreement between the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands signed at Brussels on 11 April 1960² concerning the transfer of immigration control to the outer frontiers of Benelux, and

The Government of Barbados,

Desirous of further simplifying the travel formalities for their respective nationals and of adapting them to the situation that has arisen as a result of the transfer of immigration control to the other frontiers of Benelux,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

In this Agreement, the term "Benelux countries" shall mean: the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands:

The term "Benelux territory" shall mean: the joint territories in Europe of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Article 2

Nationals of the Benelux countries who are holders of a valid national passport may, irrespective of the point of their departure, enter Barbados without a visa and stay for a period not exceeding three months. No guaranty shall be demanded, and the valid national passport alone shall be required when leaving that country.

Article 3

Nationals of Barbados who are holders of a valid national passport may, irrespective of the point of their departure, enter the Benelux territory without a visa and stay for a period not exceeding three months. No guaranty shall be

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1971, in accordance with article 10, paragraph 1. By a notification dated on 18 June 1971, the Agreement was extended to Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles, with effect from 1 July 1971, in accordance with article 9.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 374, p. 3.

demanding, and the national passport alone shall be required when leaving that territory.

Article 4

For a stay exceeding three months the persons coming under the provisions of this Agreement shall before their departure obtain the required permission through the diplomatic or consular representative of the country they wish to enter.

Article 5

Nationals of the Benelux countries residing in Barbados with the approval of the competent authorities of Barbados and nationals of Barbados residing in any of the Benelux countries with the approval of the competent authorities in the Benelux countries may leave their country of residence and return to it without a visa on presentation of a valid national passport. No guarantee shall be demanded.

Article 6

Each Government reserves the right to refuse to admit to its territory any person not holding the documents required for entry or lacking sufficient means of support or unable to acquire such means by engaging in lawful occupations, or to refuse to admit persons regarded as undesirable aliens or whose presence in the country is regarded as prejudicial to law and order or national security.

Article 7

Except as herein provided the present Agreement shall not affect the laws and regulations in force in the Benelux countries and in Barbados governing entry, length of stay, residence, expulsion and any form of occupation of aliens.

Article 8

Each Government undertakes to admit to its territory, at any time and without formalities, holders of valid national passports issued by the said Government and also persons of whom it has been proved that they are nationals of the country represented by this Government.

Each Government shall also admit persons who are no longer in possession of a passport, if it has been established that they have entered the territory of the other Contracting Party on presentation of a valid national passport issued by the said Government.

Article 9

As regards the Kingdom of the Netherlands this Agreement may be extended to Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles by notification addressed

by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Government of Barbados.

Article 10

This Agreement shall enter into force on 1st July 1971 for a period of one year. If the Agreement has not been denounced thirty days before the expiry of that period, it shall be deemed to have been renewed indefinitely. After the first period of one year each Signatory Government may denounce the Agreement by giving thirty days' notice to the Belgian Government.

The Agreement shall cease to be effective if one of the Signatory Governments denounces it.

The Belgian Government shall inform the other Signatory Governments of the receipt of the thirty days' notice referred to in this Article.

Article 11

Any of the Signatory Governments may suspend the operation of this Agreement by notification to the Belgian Government through diplomatic channels.

Suspension by one of the Signatory Governments shall also suspend its operation in respect of the other Signatory Governments.

However, suspension shall not affect the operation of Articles 8 and 10.

The Belgian Government shall inform the other Signatory Governments of the receipt of notification of suspension as referred to in this Article, as also of the receipt of a notification to the effect that the suspension has been terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at London, this eighteenth day of June, 1971, in the English language.

For Benelux:

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Belgium:

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