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UNITED NATIONS
and
AUSTRIA

Agreement relating to the Seminar on human rights and scientific and technological developments, to be held in Vienna, Austria, from 19 June to 1 July 1972 (with exchange of letters dated on 16 and 22 March 1972). Signed at New York on 23 March 1972

Authentic text : English.

Registered ex officio on 23 March 1972.

ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
et
AUTRICHE

Accord relatif au Séminaire sur les droits de l'homme et les progrès de la science et de la technique devant se tenir à Vienne (Autriche) du 19 juin au 1^{er} juillet 1972 (avec échange de lettres en date des 16 et 22 mars 1972). Signé à New York le 23 mars 1972

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré d'office le 23 mars 1972.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA

The United Nations and the Government of Austria (hereinafter called "the Government"), desiring to give effect to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 926 (X)² concerning the programme of advisory services in human rights, have agreed as follows :

Article I

SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. A United Nations seminar on human rights and scientific and technological developments will be held in Vienna, Austria.
2. The duration of the seminar shall be from 19 June to 1 July 1972.

Article II

PARTICIPATION IN THE SEMINAR

1. Participation in the seminar shall be open to the following upon invitation or designation of the Secretary-General :

- (a) Participants and alternates nominated by the Governments of countries invited to the seminar;
- (b) Observers from other States Members of the United Nations;
- (c) Representatives from any specialized agencies of the United Nations;
- (d) Representatives from the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Latin America, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development;
- (e) Observers from the following regional intergovernmental organizations :
 - (i) Councils of Europe;

¹ Came into force on 23 March 1972 by signature, in accordance with article VII (1).

² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/3116), p. 13.

- (ii) League of Arab States;
- (iii) Organization of African Unity;
- (iv) Organization of American States;
- (f) Observers from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council whose interests are related to the topic of the seminar;
- (g) Members of the United Nations Secretariat.

Article III

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

1. The United Nations shall provide the following services in connexion with the seminar :

- (a) The services of members of the Division of Human Rights of the United Nations Secretariat, as required;
- (b) The preparation of background papers which will be used as the basis for discussion at the seminar;
- (c) The translation of the background papers into English, French, Russian and Spanish, as required;
- (d) The preparation of the draft report of the seminar and the reproduction and distribution of the final report.

2. The United Nations shall also pay for the travel expenses and subsistence allowance of not more than one participant from each of the participating countries (see article II, 1 (a) above), with the exception of the host country.

Article IV

CO-OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SEMINAR

1. The Government shall act as host to the seminar.

2. The Government shall nominate officials as liaison officer and assistant liaison officers between the United Nations and the Government, who shall be responsible for making the necessary arrangements concerning the contributions of the Government described in paragraph 3 below.

3. The Government shall provide and defray the costs of :

- (a) Appropriate premises for the holding of the seminar;
- (b) Appropriate premises for the offices, and for the other working areas of the bureau and secretariat of the seminar, the liaison officer and the local personnel mentioned below;
- (c) Adequate furniture and equipment for the premises referred to in (a) and

- (b) above, to be installed prior to the seminar, and the maintenance of such premises for the duration of the seminar;
- (d) Simultaneous interpretation and amplification equipment as well as tape recorders and tapes, and technicians to operate them, for the conference room; languages used will be English, French, Russian and Spanish;
- (e) The services of eight simultaneous interpreters for interpretation from and into English, French, Russian and Spanish;
- (f) Three or more translators to translate the draft report from English into French, Russian and Spanish;
- (g) The local administrative personnel required for the proper conduct of the seminar, including reproduction and distribution of working papers and other seminar documents, the personnel to include a documents officer, a conference officer, one English-French and two English secretary-stenographers and four copy-typists to work in English, French, Russian and Spanish; information reception clerks, mimeograph operators, collators, messengers and security personnel, as appropriate; the services of the secretary-stenographers, copy-typists, mimeograph operators and collators shall be available one week in advance of the seminar;
- (h) Postal, telegraph and telephone facilities for official work in connexion with the seminar; office supplies and equipment required for the proper conduct of the seminar, including English, French, Russian and Spanish keyboard typewriters, mimeograph machines, mimeograph stencils and paper needed for reproduction of technical papers and other documents;
- (i) Customs clearance and transportation between port of entry and Vienna for documentation and supplies for the seminar;
- (j) Local transportation for participants and United Nations staff between their hotels and the site of the seminar and for other seminar purposes, if required.

4. The Government shall in co-operation with the United Nations Information Service make all appropriate arrangements to ensure adequate information coverage of the seminar through the appropriate news media. For this purpose it shall *inter alia* nominate an information officer to assist in liaison with local press, radio and film media.

Article V

FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. The Convention on the privileges and immunities of the United Nations¹ shall be applicable in respect of the seminar. Accordingly, officials of the United Nations performing functions in connexion with the seminar shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under articles V and VII of the said Convention.

2. Officials of the specialized agencies attending the seminar in pursuance of paragraph (c) of article II of this Agreement shall be accorded the privileges and immunities provided under articles VI and VIII of the Convention on the privileges and immunities of the specialized agencies.²

3. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Convention on the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, all participants and all persons performing functions in connexion with the seminar shall enjoy such privileges and immunities, facilities and courtesies as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connexion with the seminar.

4. All persons enumerated in article II of this Agreement and all persons performing functions in connexion with the seminar who are not nationals of Austria shall have the right of entry into and exit from Austria. They shall be granted facilities for speedy travel. Visas and entry permits, where required, shall be granted free of charge, as speedily as possible and when applications are made at least two and a half weeks before the opening of the seminar, not later than two weeks before the date of the opening of the seminar. If the application for the visa is not made at least two and a half weeks before the opening of the seminar, the visa shall be granted not later than three days from the receipt of the application. Exit permits, where required, shall be granted free of charge and as speedily as possible, in any case not later than three days before the closing of the seminar.

Article VI

LIABILITY

1. 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 article IV, 3 (a) and (b) above; (b) injury or damage to person or property caused or incurred in using transportation referred to in article IV, 3 (i) and (j); (c) the employment for the conference of

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

² *Ibid.*, vol. 33, p. 261. For the final and revised texts of annexes published subsequently, see vol. 71, p. 318; vol. 79, p. 326; vol. 117, p. 386; vol. 275, p. 298; vol. 314, p. 308; vol. 323, p. 364; vol. 327, p. 326; vol. 371, p. 266; vol. 423, p. 284; vol. 559, p. 348, and vol. 645, p. 340.

the personnel referred to in article IV, 2 and 3 (d), (e), (f) and (g), and 4, and the Government shall hold the United Nations and its personnel harmless in respect of any such actions, claims or other demands.

Article VII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This Agreement shall come into force upon signature, or, if it is not signed on the same day on behalf of both parties, on the day on which the second signature is affixed.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the United Nations and the Government, respectively, have signed this Agreement in two copies.

For the United Nations :

C. A. STAVROPOULOS

Place: New York

Date : 23 March 1972

For the Government
of Austria :

[Signed — Signé]¹

Place : New York

Date : 23 March 1972

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

I

AUSTRIAN MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

No.: 1111-A/72

New York, 16 March 1972

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter SO 216/3(23) of 19 October 1971, concerning the Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Austria relating to the seminar on human rights and scientific and technological developments to be held in Vienna from 19 June to 1 July 1972. Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to make the following observations on the understanding that the Agreement shall be interpreted in the light of these comments :

¹ Signed by Wolfgang Wolte—Signé par Wolfgang Wolte.

1) The term “port of entry” (Art. IV (3) *i*) will be regarded as being Vienna. Transportation costs between the airport and the city center will, if necessary, be borne by the Austrian authorities.

2) Accommodations for the participants in the seminar and members of the Secretariat of the United Nations will be available in hotels close to the site of the seminar. Daily transportation from the hotel to the conference site (Art. IV (3) *j*) will consequently not be normally required. The Austrian authorities will put at the disposal of the secretariat of the conference a Volkswagen-bus or a passenger car for the duration of the seminar.

3) The term “facilities for speedy travel” in Art. V (4) shall be interpreted as encompassing exclusively the public means of transportation available in Austria. Entry permits will be granted free of charge only by the Austrian diplomatic and consular representations abroad. The Austrian border authorities — and this includes the Vienna airport — are not in a position to grant visas free of charge.

4) In accordance with the practice observed at previous conferences of the United Nations in Vienna, simultaneous interpretation equipment, mimeograph machines and typewriters will be provided by the Austrian authorities. It is therefore assumed that, as in the past, office supplies as mentioned in Art. IV (3) will be provided by UNIDO.

5) In accordance with Art. IV (1) the Austrian Federal Government shall act as host to the seminar. It is being understood that, in accordance with the practice observed in connection with previous conferences of the United Nations held in Vienna, the invitations to the participants of the seminar will be issued by the Secretariat of the United Nations.

With these comments in mind, I have been authorized by my Government to sign the Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Austria concerning the United Nations seminar on human rights and scientific and technological developments to be held in Vienna.

I wish to take this opportunity to add the following additional points of information :

With reference to Art. IV (2) the Austrian Federal Government has nominated Dr. Gerhard Rainer, Counsellor of Legation, and his alternate, Mr. Karl Sprinzl, as liaison officers.

For the purposes of the seminar the “Ratsaal” in the “Kongresszentrum Hofburg” with approximately 200 seats (45 of them at tables) together with facilities for simultaneous interpretation and the required office space have been reserved.

In view of the tourist season in Vienna during the month of June, hotel reservations should be made as soon as possible. The “Österreichisches Verkehrsbüro, 1010, Kaerntnerstrasse” has set aside a certain number of hotel rooms for the seminar and will be happy to assist delegates and members of the Secretariat.

In order to facilitate room reservations, I am enclosing several copies of a special reservation form. Reservations should be made at the earliest date, and, if possible,

not later than 15 May 1972, in order to assure room accommodations as requested by participants.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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[Signed]

WOLFGANG WOLTE

Acting Permanent Representative of Austria
to the United Nations

His Excellency Dr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General of the United Nations
United Nations Headquarters
New York

II

SO 216/3 (23)

22 March 1972

Sir,

I wish to refer to your letter of 16 March 1972 concerning the Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Austria relating to the Seminar on human rights and scientific and technological developments to be held in Vienna from 19 June to 1 July 1972.

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I have the honour to inform you that the terms of your letter are acceptable to the United Nations.

CONSTANTIN A. STAVROPOULOS
Under-Secretary-General
The Legal Counsel

Mr. Wolfgang Wolte
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