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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS FOR THE FACILITATION OF THE GRANT OF VISAS

The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, animated by the desire to develop further the friendly relations existing between their two countries and to facilitate the travel of their citizens with the purpose of creating better conditions for the development of the business connections and contacts amongst their citizens, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Members of the diplomatic and the other staff of one of the Contracting Parties, accredited to the other, as well as the members of their families, shall enter into, and depart from its territory without any entry or exit visa, by showing the identity card, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country of stay. Entry visa, however, is required on the first entry into the country of accreditation, which shall be issued in the shortest possible period of time.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate the issue of entry and transit visas to citizens of both countries, holders of regular documents for travel abroad.

Visas may be issued at any diplomatic or consular mission of the Contracting Party or at the point of entry.

Article 3

Citizens of one of the Contracting Parties, desiring to enter the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period exceeding 90 days, for the purpose of a permanent stay, engagement or employment must obtain visas or permission for visas before their arrival at the point of entry.

¹ Came into force on 5 November 1970, 30 days after the receipt of the second note confirming its approval by the Governments of the two Contracting Parties, in accordance with article 10.

Article 4

Holders of seaman's books are accorded the facilities provided by article 2, when travelling on professional service.

Article 5

The citizens of one of the Contracting Parties shall observe, during their stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party, the Laws and regulations concerning the stay and travel of foreign citizens.

Each Contracting Party shall reserve the right to refuse entry into, or terminate stay in, its territory to undesirable persons, citizens of the other Contracting Party.

Article 6

A citizen of one of the Contracting Parties who loses in the territory of the other Party his passport shall obtain a new travel document from the diplomatic or consular mission of his country, and the competent authorities of the other Party shall grant an exit visa on production of such travel document.

In case that the Contracting Party has no such mission, the citizen shall apply to the local competent authorities, which shall supply him with a document to leave the country.

Article 7

Each Contracting Party shall provide the other Party with specimens of the legally established documents for travel abroad of its citizens.

In case of change of any of these documents the new specimens shall be provided to the other Party as soon as possible.

Article 8

All visas, subject to the present Agreement, shall be issued by both Contracting Parties free of charge.

Article 9

The present Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period of time and shall cease to have effect upon the expiry of three months from the date on which one of the Contracting Parties requests its denunciation through diplomatic channels.

Article 10

The present Agreement is subject to approval by the Governments of the two Contracting Parties and shall enter into force 30 days after the receipt of the second note confirming this approval.

DONE in Sofia on 10 August, 1970 in two copies in the English language, both having the same validity.

For the Government
of the People's Republic
of Bulgaria:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of the Republic of Cyprus:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Radenko Grigorov — Signé par Radenko Grigorov.

² Signed by Christodoulos Veniamine — Signé par Christodoulos Veniamine.