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AGREEMENT¹ AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, THE KINGDOM OF GREECE, THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, THE REPUBLIC OF
TURKEY AND THE SOCIALIST FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF
YUGOSLAVIA FOR MUTUAL CO-OPERATION ON TOURISM IN
THE BALKAN REGION

The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Kingdom of Greece, the Socialist Republic of Romania, the Republic of Turkey and the Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia,

Cognizant of their common interests and desirous to establish close and continuing co-operation in the field of tourist exchanges.

Guided by the existing bilateral Agreements,

In accordance with the spirit of the recommendations of the United Nations' Conference on International Travel and Tourism held in Rome from August 21st to September 5th, 1963,

Having decided to render this co-operation as fruitful as possible with an aim to strengthening friendship,

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1. The Governments of the Contracting Parties agree to take all the necessary measures to develop and promote tourism in the Balkan countries, to increase tourist traffic among them, to attract tourists from third countries and to co-operate with international organizations interested in the development of tourism.

With this in mind, the Contracting Parties will give special attention to greater flexibility in travel formalities within the framework of the existing national legislation, to the co-operation in the field of communications, to the joint tourist promotion and to the exchange of information on experience gained in the field of tourism.

Article 2. A Commission assigned with the task of studying and implementing measures capable of contributing to the attainment of these objectives is hereby established.

If such need arise, the Commission will form working groups of experts for the study of certain problems regarding mutual co-operation.

¹ Came into force on 4 February 1972, the date of deposit with the Government of Romania of the third instrument of ratification, in respect of the States listed below, on whose behalf the instruments were deposited on the dates indicated, in accordance with article 8 (3):

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit of the instrument</i>
Romania	30 July 1971
Turkey	12 October 1971
Yugoslavia	4 February 1972

Thereafter, the Agreement came into force in respect of the following States on the dates of deposit of their instruments of ratification with the Government of Romania, as indicated below, in accordance with article 8 (4):

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit of the instrument</i>
Bulgaria	7 February 1972
Greece	8 November 1972

Article 3. The Commission will consist of three representatives appointed by the Governments of each of the Contracting Parties.

Article 4. The Commission will meet once a year.

In case of necessity, the Commission will be convened for an extraordinary session.

The Commission will meet in turn in each of the Contracting countries at a date to be jointly agreed upon by the delegations.

The Chairman of the delegation of the host country will preside the meeting.

The host country will be responsible for the work and expenses of the secretariat of the meeting and for the co-ordination and preparation of the work for that meeting.

The provisional agenda for each meeting will be drawn up by the delegation of the host country and forwarded to the Contracting Parties at least 45 days prior to the scheduled meeting; in turn they will submit their comments and proposals for the provisional agenda 30 days in advance of the date of the meeting.

Article 5. The official languages of the Commission will be English and French.

Article 6. The protocols on work of the Commission will be submitted for approval to the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties.

Article 7. The Contracting Parties believe that a harmonious co-ordination should exist between the actions to be undertaken within the framework of the present Agreement and those resulting from the existing bilateral Agreements or the ones to be concluded among the Contracting Parties.

Article 8. The present Agreement shall be ratified in accordance with the legislation applying in each of the Contracting Parties.

Ratification instruments will be deposited at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Romania, which will notify of this deposit all Contracting Parties.

The present Agreement shall enter into force when at least three of the Governments which have signed it have deposited their own ratification instruments.

For each Government which has signed the present Agreement and deposits supplementary instruments of ratification the Agreement enters into force on the date of deposit of these instruments.

Article 9. The present Agreement is concluded for a period of five years starting with the date of its entering into force. The Agreement shall be renewed automatically after each period of five years.

The withdrawal of any of the Contracting Parties from the present Agreement shall be effected by a notification submitted six months in advance, the Agreement remaining in force for all the other Contracting Parties.

Article 10. The Government of any Balkan country which has not signed the present Agreement may adhere to it starting 30 days after the Agreement enters into force. The adherence documents shall be deposited with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Romania, which shall notify any such deposit to all the Contracting Parties that have signed the present Agreement as well as that of the joining country.