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and
AUSTRIA**

**Agreement concerning the mutual abolition of the visa
requirement. Signed at Vienna on 18 July 1972**

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[TRANSLATION—TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE MUTUAL ABOLITION OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT

The Government of the Polish People's Republic and the Austrian Federal Government, desiring to promote closer relations between the peoples of the two States and seeking to develop tourist traffic and to create conditions which will enable the nationals of each of the two States to become better acquainted with the history, culture and natural beauties of the other country,

Have decided to conclude this Agreement and have for that purpose appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

The Government of the Polish People's Republic:

Władysław Wojtasik, Director of the Consular Department, Member of the Collegium of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

The Austrian Federal Government:

Dr. Otto Eiselsberg, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,

who, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Article 1. 1. Nationals of either of the Contracting States who hold one of the travel documents mentioned in article 3 may enter the territory of the other State, remain therein up to three months and depart without a visa from the other State.

2. The right granted under paragraph 1 shall not apply to nationals of either Contracting State who wish to proceed to the territory of the other State in order to take up employment there.

Article 2. 1. Polish nationals who are holders of one of the travel documents referred to in article 3, paragraph 1, and Austrian nationals who are holders of one of the travel documents referred to in article 3, paragraph 2, may remain in the territory of the other Contracting State for the duration of their assignments if they

- Belong, as members, to the diplomatic mission or to a consular office of the State of which they are nationals in the territory of the other State, or
- Are representatives of the State of which they are nationals to an international organization which has its headquarters in the territory of the other State, or
- Are employed in such an organization, or
- Are required to remain in the territory of the other State under an agreement between the two States.

2. Polish nationals who are holders of one of the travel documents mentioned in article 3, paragraph 1, and Austrian nationals who are holders of one of the travel documents mentioned in article 3, paragraph 2, and who live in a common household with one of the persons referred to in paragraph 1 may remain in the

¹ Came into force on 18 September 1972, i.e., two months after the date of signature, in accordance with article 8.

territory of the other Contracting State for the duration of the assignment of that person in that territory.

Article 3. 1. Polish nationals may avail themselves of the right granted under article 1 on the basis of one of the following valid travel documents:

- Diplomatic passport
- Service passport
- Ordinary passport
- Consular passport
- Seaman's identity book
- Aircrew licence
- Collective passport in conjunction with a valid identity card of the Polish People's Republic.

2. Austrian nationals may avail themselves of the right granted under article 1 on the basis of one of the following valid travel documents:

- Diplomatic passport
- Service passport
- Ordinary passport
- Seaman's identity book
- Aircrew identity card
- Collective passport in conjunction with a valid identity card of the Republic of Austria.

3. If the forms of the travel documents referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 are changed, notice thereof, together with a specimen, shall be given to the other Contracting Party through the diplomatic channel no later than 30 days before the introduction thereof.

Article 4. Nationals of either Contracting State may cross the frontier of the other State at any frontier crossing point open for international travel.

Article 5. Nationals of either of the Contracting States, upon crossing the frontier into the territory of the other Contracting State and during their stay within such territory, shall comply with the laws of the State in which they are staying.

Article 6. 1. The provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the right of either Contracting State to deny entry, on the grounds set forth in its laws, to nationals of the other Contracting State or to expel them.

2. Each of the States shall readmit persons who come from the territory of the other State and have stayed there under the provisions of this Agreement.

Article 7. Each of the Contracting Parties may temporarily suspend the application of the provisions hereof, either in whole or in part, for reasons of public policy and security or public health. Notice of such suspension, as well as of the termination of such suspension, shall be given to the other Contracting Party in writing through the diplomatic channel no later than 48 hours in advance.

Article 8. This Agreement shall enter into force two months after the date of its signature.

Article 9. 1. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period.

2. This Agreement may be denounced by either Contracting Party at any time. It shall cease to have effect three months after notice of termination, given in writing through the diplomatic channel, has been received by the other Contracting Party.

DONE at Vienna on 18 July 1972, in two originals in the Polish and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the plenipotentiaries have signed this Agreement and have thereto affixed their seals.

For the Government
of the Polish People's Republic:
[WŁADYSŁAW WOJTASIK]

For the Austrian
Federal Government:
[OTTO EISELSBERG]
