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**GREECE
and
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**Agreement on international road transport. Signed at
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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC ON INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT

The Government of the Hellenic Republic and the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic,

Desiring to develop the friendly relations between the two countries in accordance with the Final Act of Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe² (Helsinki, 1975) to facilitate international road transport between their two States and in transit through their territories,

Have agreed as follows:

I. PASSENGER TRANSPORT

Article 1. The entire transport of passengers by buses or coaches between their two States or in transit through their territories are subject to permit proceedings except for transports stated in article 4.

1. Regular lines between their two States or in transit through their territories are approved by mutual agreement between the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties on the basis of reciprocity.

2. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties issue permits for the section leading through the territory of their State.

3. The conditions for the issue of permits shall be determined by mutual agreement between the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties.

4. The term "bus" or "coach" is defined as the means of passenger transport, designed for the transportation of more than eight seated passengers, excluding the driver.

Article 2. Application for permit shall be submitted to the competent authorities of the State where the vehicle is registered not later than three months prior to the presumed date of commencement of carriage. The necessary documentation proving the existence of the conditions defined in article 1, paragraph 3, must be attached to the application of permit. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties are entitled to ask further indications that they judge useful.

Article 3. For occasional passenger carriages, except for carriages stated in article 4, permit issued by the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party is requested. These permits are issued by the competent authorities of the Contracting Party where the vehicle is registered. The necessary measures for the performance of permit proceedings shall be agreed between the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties.

¹ Came into force on 17 January 1979, the date of an exchange of notifications by which the Parties informed each other of the completion of the required procedures, in accordance with article 18 (2).

² *International Legal Materials*, vol. XIV, 1975, p. 1292.

Article 4. Occasional passenger carriages by buses are not subject to permit proceedings in all cases when the same persons are being carried by the same vehicle:

- (a) In case of round trips of which the initial and final points are on the territory of the State where the vehicle is registered;
- (b) In case of trips of which the initial point lies on the territory of the State where the vehicle is registered and the final point on the territory of the other Contracting Party, under the condition that the vehicle — with the exemption of special permission — will return empty to the territory of the State where it is registered;
- (c) In case of transit trips of occasional transports.

II. GOODS TRANSPORT

Article 5. 1. The transport of goods between the territories of the two Contracting Parties or in transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party is subject to permit proceedings.

2. The quota of permits per year shall be determined by mutual agreement between the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties.

3. The competent authorities of each Contracting Party transmit the agreed number of permits to the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party.

4. Transport permits are delivered to carriers by the competent authorities of the State where the vehicle is registered.

5. The execution of transport from the territory of the other Contracting Party to any other third country and vice-versa is allowed on a special licence granted by the other Contracting Party.

6. From permit proceedings are exempted :

- (a) Carriage of air consignments in cases where air services are re-routed;
- (b) Carriage of household effects;
- (c) Carriage of goods for fairs and exhibitions;
- (d) Carriage of objects of art and works of art;
- (e) Carriage of properties (including animals) for artists, amusing performances, circus groups, revues and similar performances;
- (f) Carriage of properties for theatres, music and sport performances (including the carriage of race horses, race vehicles and boats);
- (g) Carriage of damaged vehicles;
- (h) Carriage of live animals (with exception of fattened cattle);
- (i) Carriage of corpses;
- (j) Carriages determined to help during catastrophies.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 6. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties issue permits for the transports of passengers and transports of goods according to this Agreement only to carriers who according to the national regulations of their State are authorized to execute international transport.

Article 7. The carriers of one State are not allowed to realize transports between two places situated on the territory of the other State.

Article 8. 1. In case the weight and/or the dimensions of the used vehicle or carried goods exceed the maximum weight and/or dimensions admitted on the territory of the Contracting Party, a special permit issued by the competent authority of that Contracting Party is necessary.

2. For the execution of carriage of dangerous goods, a special permit issued by the competent authority of the other Contracting Party is necessary.

Article 9. The way of exchange of requested documentation and statistical data shall be determined by mutual agreement between the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties.

Article 10. Permit for carriage and other documents anticipated by this Agreement have to be on the vehicles and presented any time on request of the competent inspection or customs authorities.

Article 11. In case any infringement of the provisions of this Agreement occurred on the territory of one of the two States, the competent authorities of the State where the vehicle is registered take measures according to the national regulations and inform about them the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party.

Article 12. Commercial road vehicles, including trailers and semi-trailers, registered in the territory of either Contracting Party and used in transport operations envisaged by this Agreement shall enter the territory of the other Contracting Party under temporary admission procedures, on the basis of the existing provisions of the internal legislation of the Party concerned.

Article 13. 1. Fuel contained in the vehicle's supply tanks, as initially installed by the manufacturer, is exempt from customs duties and all other taxes and charges.

2. The crew of the vehicle shall be allowed to import temporarily, without paying customs duties and free of prior import licence, their personal effects, the quantity of which and the kind correspond to the situation and the length of the journey, as well as the repair tools normally carried in the vehicle.

3. Spare parts imported for the repair of a vehicle, already imported temporarily under article 12, shall be admitted under appropriate temporary admission titles, without payment of import duties and taxes and free of import prohibitions and restrictions.

Replaced parts shall be re-exported or destroyed under Customs control.

Article 14. In cases which are not regulated by the provisions of this Agreement or by provisions of international Conventions by which both Contracting Parties are bound, the national regulations of each of both States have to be used.

Article 15. 1. Transport of passengers and goods performed by carriers of one Contracting Party in the territory of the other Contracting Party in accordance with articles 1, 3, 4 and 5 shall be exempt from all taxes and fees imposed in the territory of the other Contracting Party, with the exception of charges for the issue of permits above the agreed quota as mentioned in article 5.

2. Vehicles performing such transport shall be exempt from taxes, fees or other charges levied on the possession and circulation of the vehicle in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

This exemption does not extend to road and bridge tolls.

Article 16. 1. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other which authorities are competent to regulate problems concerning the execution of this Agreement.

2. All problems which could arise in connection with the interpretation and the execution of this Agreement the Contracting Parties will solve by way of negotiations and consultations.

Article 17. For discussing questions resulting from the application of this Agreement, a Joint Committee shall be established consisting of the representatives of the competent authorities of both Contracting Parties. This Committee shall meet at the request of one or the other Contracting Party alternatively on the territory of each State.

IV. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 18. 1. This Agreement is subject to approval according to the national regulations of both States.

2. This Agreement shall enter into force on the day when notes informing about the fulfilment of conditions stated in paragraph 1 will be exchanged.

3. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of one year and thereafter shall tacitly continue from one year to another, unless it is terminated by one of the Contracting Parties giving notice in writing 3 months before the expiration of the calendar year.

DONE in Athens this 6th day of June, 1977, in two original versions in the English language.

For the Government
of the Hellenic Republic:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Dimitri S. Bitsios — Signé par Dimitri S. Bitsios.

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