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**NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG
and CHAD**

Agreement on the abolition of visas for holders of diplomatic passports. Signed at N'Djamena on 22 October 1977

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Registered by the Netherlands on 17 September 1979.

Territorial application

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**PAYS-BAS, BELGIQUE, LUXEMBOURG
et TCHAD**

Accord relatif à la suppression du visa pour les porteurs de passeports diplomatiques. Signé à N'Djamena le 22 octobre 1977

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Application territoriale

La déclaration certifiée a été enregistrée par les Pays-Bas le 17 septembre 1979.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE BENELUX COUNTRIES AND THE
REPUBLIC OF CHAD ON THE ABOLITION OF VISAS FOR THE
HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

The Governments of the Benelux countries, acting jointly in pursuance of the Convention between the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the transfer of control of Persons to the external frontiers of Benelux territory, signed at Brussels on 11 April 1960,² and

The Government of the Republic of Chad,

Desiring to simplify the formalities governing travel by their nationals, taking into account the regulations resulting from the transfer of control of Persons to the external frontiers of Benelux territory,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the following terms mean:

- “The Benelux countries”: the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- “Benelux territory”: the whole of the territories in Europe of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Article 2. Nationals of the Benelux countries who are holders of valid diplomatic passports may, irrespective of their point of departure, for a stay of not more than three months, enter the Republic of Chad without a visa. That passport alone shall be required when leaving that country.

Article 3. Nationals of the Republic of Chad who are holders of valid diplomatic passports may, irrespective of their point of departure, for a stay of not more than three months, enter Benelux territory without a visa. That passport alone shall be required when leaving that country.

Article 4. Except for officials of diplomatic and consular establishments and officials of international organizations appointed to perform their functions in one of the countries of the Signatory Governments, the persons indicated in articles 2 and 3 must obtain authorization before their departure, for a continuous stay of more than three months, from the diplomatic or consular representative of the country to which they desire to travel.

Article 5. Each Government reserves the right to refuse to admit to its territory any person who is regarded as undesirable or who is deemed to be a potential threat to law and order, public policy or national security.

Article 6. Except in respect of the foregoing provisions, the laws and regulations concerning aliens which are in force in the Benelux countries and in the Republic

¹ Came into force on 1 December 1977, in accordance with article 10.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 374, p. 3.

of Chad governing entry, stay, residence and expulsion, as well as any form of occupation, shall continue to apply.

Article 7. Each Government undertakes to admit to its territory, at any time and without formalities, holders of a passport of the type specified in articles 2 and 3, issued by that Government.

Each Government shall also admit persons who are no longer in possession of a passport if it has been established that they have entered the territory of the other Contracting Party on presentation only of a passport as indicated in the previous paragraph.

Article 8. As regards the Kingdom of the Netherlands, this Agreement may be extended to the Netherlands Antilles by notification addressed by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Government of the Republic of Chad.

Article 9. Any of the Signatory Governments may suspend the operation of this Agreement by notification to the Belgian Government through the diplomatic channel.

Suspension by one of the Signatory Governments shall also cause its operation to be suspended by the other Signatory Governments.

However, suspension shall not affect the provisions of articles 7 and 10 of this Agreement.

The Belgian Government shall inform the other Signatory Governments of the receipt of the notification referred to in this article, as also of the receipt of a notification that the suspension has been terminated.

Article 10. This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 December 1977 for a period of one year. If the Agreement has not been denounced 30 days before the end of that period, it shall be deemed to have been extended indefinitely. After the first period of one year, each Signatory Government may denounce the Agreement by giving 30 days notice to the Belgian Government.

Denunciation by any one of the Signatory Governments shall result in the abrogation of the Agreement.

The Belgian Government shall inform the other Signatory Governments of the receipt of the notice referred to in this article.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized for the purpose, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at N'Djamena on 22 October 1977, in quadruplicate in the French language.

For Benelux:

For the Government
of the Republic of Chad:
The Secretary of State for Foreign
Affairs and Co-operation,
GALMAI YOUSSOUBOMI KIRMISS

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Belgium:
The Ambassador of Belgium to Chad,
H. VANDRECHE

For the Government
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg:
C. H. A. PLUG

For the Government
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands:
C. H. A. PLUG

TERRITORIAL APPLICATION
OF THE AGREEMENT OF 22
OCTOBER 1977 BETWEEN THE
BENELUX COUNTRIES AND
THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD ON
THE ABOLITION OF VISAS
FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMA-
TIC PASSPORTS¹

*Notification under article 8 of the
above-mentioned Agreement addressed
to the Government of Chad on:*

7 November 1977

NETHERLANDS

(In respect of the Netherlands An-
tilles.)

APPLICATION TERRITORIALE
DE L'ACCORD DU 22 OCTO-
BRE 1977 ENTRE LES PAYS-
BAS, LA BELGIQUE, LE LUX-
EMBOURG ET LE TCHAD
RELATIF À LA SUPPRESSION
DU VISA POUR LES POR-
TEURS DE PASSEPORTS DI-
PLOMATIQUES¹

*Notification en vertu de l'article 8 de
l'Accord susmentionnée au Gouverne-
ment tchadien le :*

7 novembre 1977

PAYS-BAS

(En ce qui concerne les Antilles néer-
landaises.)

¹ See p. 167 of this volume.

¹ Voir p. 164 du présent volume.