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**AUSTRIA
and
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

**Agreement on cooperation in the field of tourism. Signed at
Vienna on 30 November 1987**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM
BETWEEN THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC RE-
PUBLIC

The Austrian Federal Government and the Government of the German Democratic Republic, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties,

Aiming to develop further and enhance the relations between the Republic of Austria and the German Democratic Republic and their peoples,

Convinced that tourism contributes to fuller knowledge of the life, culture and history of other countries, to the development of mutual understanding among peoples, to improved contacts and to more extensive use of leisure time, as established in the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, signed at Helsinki on 1 August 1975,²

Bearing in mind the importance of the development of tourism for furthering relations between the two States,

Desiring to promote close and lasting cooperation in the field of tourism,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall devote special attention to the development and enhancement of their mutual relations in tourism, including its economic aspects, and strive to promote such relations.

To that end, they shall encourage cooperation between the competent institutions and tourist enterprises of Austria and the German Democratic Republic.

Article 2

Each Contracting Party shall promote group and individual travel by tourists from Austria to the German Democratic Republic and from the German Democratic Republic to Austria, even where such tourists come from third States.

Article 3

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour, with a view to facilitating entry for tourist purposes, to promote further simplification of frontier and other formalities, as well as the issuance of visas to nationals of the other Contracting State.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall, so far as possible, take action in the interest of tourist development to promote, expand, improve and coordinate mutual con-

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1988, i.e., the first day of the third month following the month of signature, in accordance with article 10.

² *International Legal Materials*, vol. 14 (1975), p. 1292 (American Society of International Law).

nections in all areas of transport. They shall to that end encourage and support the activities of their States' travel agencies and passenger transport enterprises.

Each Contracting Party shall guarantee duty-free importation of tourist publicity materials and temporary duty-free importation of private motor vehicles of nationals of the other Contracting Party.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall, so far as possible, facilitate the exchange and distribution of tourist information materials, as well as the organization of exhibitions on tourism. In this connection, they shall inform each other of such regulations governing tourism and related activities as may be in force at a given time. The aforementioned measures shall also provide for the use, by each Contracting Party, of existing facilities in the territory of the other Contracting State. They shall each also take all appropriate measures to provide tourists with greater opportunities to obtain newspapers from their State in the host country.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party shall support and promote visits by radio, television and press reporters, as well as by experts in tourism, with a view to publicizing the tourist attractions of the other Contracting State.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall, in the context of their scientific and technical cooperation, render each other support in the exchange of experts and information in the field of tourism, the hotel and catering industries, as well as in the exchange of information between the competent institutions and enterprises of Austria and the German Democratic Republic on the construction and equipping of tourist establishments and facilities.

Each Contracting Party shall, so far as possible, promote cooperation between the enterprises of Austria and the German Democratic Republic in the establishment of tourist facilities in the territory of the other Contracting Party and the supply of equipment for such facilities.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall establish a Mixed Commission to monitor implementation of this Agreement, propose appropriate measures for such implementation and promote the exchange of experience in tourism. The Commission may also form expert groups for this purpose. Subject to the requirements of each country's internal legislation, programmes of cooperation may be agreed upon through the Mixed Commission.

The Commission shall, as a rule, meet once every two years, alternately in the Republic of Austria and the German Democratic Republic. Minutes shall be kept on the results of its meetings, particularly with regard to the state and proposed further development of tourism and cooperation in general.

Article 9

Payments arising from tourism shall be made in accordance with the payments agreement between the Austrian Federal Government and the Government of the German Democratic Republic in force.

Article 10

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the month of its signature.

The Agreement shall be valid for a period of five years. It shall be extended tacitly for further five-year periods unless it is denounced in writing by one of the Contracting Parties six months before the date on which it expires.

DONE at Vienna on 30 November 1987, in two originals in the German language.

For the Austrian Federal Government:

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For the Government of the German Democratic Republic:

KLAUS WOLF
