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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM
BETWEEN THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

The Austrian Federal Government and the Government of the Polish People's Republic,

Aiming to develop and enhance their relations,

Bearing in mind the importance of tourism for furthering mutual acquaintance and understanding between peoples,

Convinced of the role that the development of tourism can play in consolidating relations between the two States,

Desiring to promote close and lasting cooperation in the field of tourism for their mutual benefit,

Eager to contribute to the development of tourism, in the spirit of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, signed at Helsinki on 1 August 1975,²

On the basis of the Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring, of the Additional Protocol to the Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring, relating to the importation of tourist publicity documents and material,³ and of the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles,⁴ all of which were signed at New York on 4 June 1954,

And on the basis of and under the legislation in force in the two States,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall develop and enhance their mutual relations in tourism. To that end, they shall encourage cooperation between Austrian and Polish tourist institutions, organizations and enterprises.

Article 2

Each Contracting Party shall promote group and individual travel by tourists from its territory to the territory of the other Contracting Party.

¹ Came into force on 22 September 1976, i.e., the sixtieth day following the date (24 July 1976) on which the Government of Poland had informed the Government of Austria that it had been approved, in accordance with article 11.

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

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 276, p. 191.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 282, p. 249.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties have already, on 18 July 1972, concluded an Agreement concerning the mutual abolition of the visa requirement¹ for their nationals. In addition to the provisions of the said Agreement, they shall endeavour to facilitate and simplify all formalities in connection with travel by their nationals between Austria and Poland, as well as to remove any other obstacles to tourist travel for their nationals between the two States.

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 connections in all areas of transport and shall to that end also encourage and support cooperation contracts between the transport and travel agencies of their States.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall, so far as possible, promote and support publicity, the exchange of information and the exchange and distribution of publications in the field of tourism.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall support and promote reciprocal visits by radio, television and press reporters, with a view to publicizing the tourist attractions of the Contracting State being visited.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall render each other support in the exchange of experts, trainees and information in the field of tourism, the hotel and catering industries and the planning of tourist facilities and, so far as possible, promote cooperation in the establishment of tourist facilities and the supply of tourist equipment, as well as the work of enterprises with an interest in such activity.

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 shall be convened as a rule every two years, alternately in the Republic of Austria and in the Polish People's Republic.

Article 9

The Polish People's Republic has established a tourist publicity office in Vienna. If the Republic of Austria so wishes, the Polish People's Republic shall permit and support the establishment of an Austrian tourist publicity office in its territory. The activity of such an Austrian publicity office shall be governed by the same conditions as govern the Polish publicity office in Austria.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1096, p. 67.

Article 10

Payments arising from tourism between the Republic of Austria and the Polish People's Republic shall be made in freely convertible currency under the payments arrangement between the two States in force each time.

Article 11

This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and shall cease to have effect six months after the receipt, through the diplomatic channel, of a written denunciation by one of the Contracting Parties.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the sixtieth day after the date on which the Government of the Polish People's Republic informs the Austrian Federal Government that the Agreement has been adopted under Polish law.

DONE at Vienna on 29 April 1976, in two originals in the German and Polish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Austrian Federal Government:

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