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## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM  
BETWEEN THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

The Austrian Federal Government and the Government of the Italian 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,

On the basis of and under the legislation in force in the two States,

And on the basis of the Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring, adopted on the occasion of the United Nations Conference on Customs Formalities for the Temporary Importation of Private Road Motor Vehicles and for Tourism, of the Additional Protocol to the Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring, relating to the importation of tourist publicity documents and material,<sup>2</sup> and of the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles,<sup>3</sup> all of which were signed at New York on 4 June 1954,

And in the spirit of the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on International Travel and Tourism, held at Rome in 1963,<sup>4</sup>

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1*

The Contracting Parties shall devote special attention to the development and enhancement of their mutual relations in tourism and strive to promote such relations. To that end, they shall encourage coordinated cooperation between Austrian and Italian tourist institutions, organizations and enterprises at both the national and the regional levels.

*Article 2*

Each Contracting Party shall promote group and individual travel by tourists from its territory to the territory of the other Contracting State, even where such tourists come from third States.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 10 July 1979, i.e., 60 days after the date (11 May 1979) on which the Contracting Parties had informed each other of the completion of the required procedures, in accordance with article 12.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 276, p. 191.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 282, p. 249.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations Conference on International Travel and Tourism, Rome, 21 August–5 September 1963, *Recommendations on International Travel and Tourism* (E/CONF.47/18; United Nations publication, Sales No. 64.1.6).

### Article 3

Several agreements between the Republic of Austria and the Italian Republic already provide for facilitating frontier crossing for their nationals.<sup>1</sup> The Contracting Parties shall, in addition, endeavour to facilitate and simplify frontier and other formalities in connection with tourist travel by Austrian nationals to Italy and by Italian nationals to Austria, 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 the two States.

### Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall, so far as possible, in the interest of greater development of tourist travel between them, further strengthen cooperation with respect to planning tourist facilities and to protecting the environment and nature, and shall to that end, *inter alia*, consider the establishment of alpine nature reserves in the frontier zone.

### Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall further promote and support advertising for tourists and the exchange and distribution of tourist information and publications, as well as joint regional initiatives for advertising tourism.

### Article 7

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

### Article 8

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

### Article 9

Austria and Italy have already established tourist publicity offices, each in the territory of its Contracting Party. The Contracting Parties shall endeavour, so far as possible, to render further assistance and support to such publicity offices,

<sup>1</sup> See "Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the abolition of visas on passports", United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 260, p. 345; "Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the acceptance of persons at the frontier", *ibid.*, vol. 491, p. 53; "Agreement concerning the movement of persons", *ibid.*, vol. 850, p. 143; "Agreement concerning the regulation of railway traffic crossing the frontier", *ibid.*, vol. 1208, p. 295; and "Convention concerning adjoining frontier clearance offices and frontier clearance on board moving transport", *ibid.*, p. 337.

which shall be non-profit-making and serve exclusively to publicize tourism. They shall ensure that equal conditions govern the establishment and activities of such offices, particularly with regard to the possibility of employing their own qualified nationals.

*Article 10*

Payments arising from tourism shall be made in freely convertible currency in accordance with the exchange-control regulations in force in each of the two States.

*Article 11*

The Contracting Parties shall establish a Mixed Commission to monitor and propose appropriate measures for implementation of this Agreement, promote the exchange of experience in tourism and check compliance with the principles of fair competition. The Commission shall be convened, by prior agreement, alternately in the Republic of Austria and in the Italian Republic. If necessary, the Commission may establish its own rules of procedure.

*Article 12*

This Agreement shall enter into force sixty days after the date on which the Contracting Parties inform each other that the conditions required under their legislation for such entry into force have been fulfilled.

*Article 13*

This Agreement shall remain in force until it is denounced in writing by one of the two Contracting Parties through the diplomatic channel. Denunciation shall have effect six months after the date of its receipt.

DONE at Vienna on 4 April 1978, in two originals, in the German and Italian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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