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**AUSTRIA  
and  
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

**Agreement concerning the abolition of the visa requirement.  
Signed at Vienna on 13 February 1990**

*Authentic text: German.*

*Registered by Austria on 22 March 1990.*

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**AUTRICHE  
et  
RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE ALLEMANDE**

**Accord relatif à la suppression des formalités de visas. Signé  
à Vienne le 13 février 1990**

*Texte authentique : allemand.*

*Enregistré par l'Autriche le 22 mars 1990.*

## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE ABO-  
LITION OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT

The Federal Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the German Democratic Republic, desiring to strengthen the friendly relations between the two States on the basis of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe,<sup>2</sup> to facilitate further traffic between the two States, and thereby to promote personal relations between their nationals, have agreed as follows:

*Article 1*

(1) Nationals of either State who hold an ordinary passport may enter the territory of the other State for non-gainful purposes and remain therein up to three months without a visa.

(2) A visa shall be required for engaging in gainful employment or for a stay of more than three months in the territory of the other State.

*Article 2*

(1) Nationals of either State who hold a valid diplomatic passport or service passport may enter the territory of the other State and remain therein up to three months without a visa.

(2) Holders of diplomatic passports or service passports of either State who are members of the diplomatic mission or a consular post of either State in the territory of the other State or are representatives of either State to an international organization which has its headquarters in the territory of the other State, or are employed as staff members of such an organization, as well as their spouses and minor children who live in a common household, provided that they are likewise holders of valid diplomatic passports or service passports, or are entered as such therein, may, after their visa-free entry, remain in the territory of the other State for the duration of their assignment.

*Article 3*

This Agreement shall not exempt nationals of either State residing in the territory of the other State from the obligation to comply with the laws and regulations in force there.

*Article 4*

Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the right of the two States to deny entry to, or revoke the residence permits of, persons whom they deem undesirable.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 March 1990, in accordance with article 7 (1).

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

*Article 5*

Either State may temporarily suspend application of this Agreement — with the exception of article 2 — either in whole or in part, for reasons of public policy, security or health. The institution and termination of such measures shall be communicated to the other State without delay through the diplomatic channel.

*Article 6*

The Agreement of 6 March 1979 between the Federal Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the German Democratic Republic concerning the abolition of the visa requirement for holders of diplomatic passports or service passports<sup>1</sup> shall cease to have effect simultaneously with the entry into force of this Agreement.

*Article 7*

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 March 1990.

(2) This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period. It may be denounced at any time and shall cease to have effect three months after notice of termination, given in writing by either State through the diplomatic channel, has been received by the other State.

DONE at Vienna, on 13 February 1990, in two originals.

For the Federal Government of the Republic  
of Austria:

E. KUSSBACH

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<sup>1</sup> See p. 117 of this volume.