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**AUSTRIA
and
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

**Agreement concerning the abolition of the visa requirement
for holders of diplomatic or service passports. Signed at
Berlin on 6 March 1979**

Authentic text: German.

Registered by Austria on 22 March 1990.

Termination (*Note by the Secretariat*)

**AUTRICHE
et
RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE ALLEMANDE**

**Accord relatif à la suppression des formalités de visas pour
les titulaires d'un passeport diplomatique ou de service.
Signé à Berlin le 6 mars 1979**

Texte authentique : allemand.

Enregistré par l'Autriche le 22 mars 1990.

Abrogation (*Note du Secrétariat*)

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ 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 FOR HOLDERS OF DIP-
LOMATIC OR SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Federal Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the German Democratic Republic, desiring to develop their relations further on the basis of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe,² have decided to conclude an Agreement concerning the abolition of the visa requirement for holders of diplomatic or service passports, as follows:

Article 1

Nationals of the Republic of Austria and nationals of the German Democratic Republic who hold a valid diplomatic or service passport may enter the territory of the other State, travel through it and depart without a visa.

Article 2

The persons referred to in article 1 shall be entitled, having entered without a visa, to remain in the territory of the other State for a maximum period of three months.

Article 3

Holders of valid diplomatic or service passports 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 living in a common household, provided that they are likewise holders of valid diplomatic or service passports or are entered as such therein, shall be entitled, having entered without a visa, to remain in the territory of the other State for the duration of the assignment.

Article 4

The domestic registration regulations of the Republic of Austria and the German Democratic Republic shall not be affected by this Agreement.

Article 5

This Agreement shall not affect the right of the Contracting Parties to forbid persons whom they deem undesirable to enter or stay in their territory.

Article 6

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the sixtieth day after its signature. It shall be concluded for an indefinite period.

¹ Came into force on 5 May 1979, i.e. 60 days after the date of signature, in accordance with article 6 (1).

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

2. This Agreement may be denounced by either Contracting Party at any time in writing through the diplomatic channel; it shall cease to have effect on the ninety-day after the other Contracting Party has received notice of the denunciation.

3. When this Agreement enters into force, the Agreement 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 of 6 July 1976¹ shall cease to have effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Plenipotentiaries have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Berlin on 6 March 1979, in two originals.

For the Federal Government of the Republic
of Austria:

WALSER

For the Government of the German Democratic Republic:

OSKAR FISCHER

¹ See p. 109 of this volume.

TERMINATION (*Note by the Secretariat*)

The Government of Austria registered on 22 March 1990 the Agreement between the Federal Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the German Democratic Republic concerning the abolition of the visa requirement signed at Vienna on 13 February 1990.¹

The said Agreement, which came into force on 1 March 1990, provides, in its article 6, for the termination of the Agreement of 6 March 1979.²

(22 March 1990)

¹ See p. 127 of this volume.

² See p. 120 of this volume.