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Measures taken by the Governments of member countries of the Council of Europe concerning the abolitions of visas for travel between these countries and non-member countries

Communication
Committee of Ministers

1. Letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the Consultative Assembly

Sir,

As stated in the Supplementary Report to the Ninth Report of the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 863), the Ministers have undertaken to inform the Assembly of any measures taken by Member Governments of the Council of Europe towards the abolition of visas for journeys between their own territories and non-Member States.

Pursuant to this decision, I have the honour to enclose herewith a list of the measures taken up to 15th September 1958 by most of the Member Governments.

I have the honour to remain, etc.

2. List of measures adopted

AUSTRIA.

Austria has abolished on a reciprocal basis the need for an entry visa for nationals of the following non-Member States:

Chile

Colombia

Finland (Solely for holders of service or diplomatic passports)

Israël

Japan

Liechtenstein

Mexico

Monaco

Portugal

Pakistan

Spain (Solely for holders of diplomatic passports)

Switzerland

South Africa

The Agreements concluded with the following States are only unilaterally in force for their nationals wishing to enter Austria:

Australia

United States

Canada

New Zealand

FRANCE

The French Government has abolished on a reciprocal basis the need for entry visas into its territory (brief visits), for nationals of the following non-Member States:

Peru

Portugal

Nationals of the following States are exempt since 29th March 1958 from short-stay visa formalities by the French Government's unilateral action:

Australia

South Africa

Brazil

Arrangements on a reciprocal basis are being concluded with Colombia, and nationals of Uruguay will probably benefit in the near future from unilateral provisions introduced for them by the French Government.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Visa formalities for tourists have been abolished on a reciprocal basis for nationals of the following non-Member States:

Chile

Costa-Rica

Dominican Republic

Finland

Japan

Colombia

Morocco

Monaco

Pakistan

Peru

Portugal

Switzerland

Tunisia

Uruguay

As a unilateral measure the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany no longer demands an entry visa (tourist) from nationals of the following non-Member States:

Egypt

Argentina

Australia

Burma

Brazil

Ceylon

Ecuador

Ghana

India

Indonesia

Irak

Yemen

Jordan

Canada

Cuba

Libanon

Libya

Liberia

Malaya

Mexico

New Zealand

Panama

Paraguay

Philippines

Saudi Arabia

Sudan

South Africa, Union of

Syria

Thailand

Vatican

United States of America

ITALY

The Italian Government has abolished on a reciprocal basis entry visa formalities for nationals of the following non-Member States:

Chile: Visits not exceeding three months,

Spain: Solely for holders of diplomatic nd service passports,

Finland: Visits not exceeding three months,

Japan: Visits not exceeding three months,

Lichtenstein: Visits not exceeding three months,

Principality of Monaco: Visits not exceeding three months,

Portugal : Visits not exceeding two months,

San Marino: Any identity card is sufficient,

Switzerland : Visits not exceeding three months.

The entry of all British subjects from Malta or the British colonies is governed by the Italo-British Agreement of 1947, amended on 28th October 1948, and, for Malta only, on 1st January 1958 (abolition of visas on a reciprocal basis).

In the case of the following States entry visa formalities have been unilaterally abolished:

Australia: Visits not exceeding three months,

Canada: Visits not exceeding three months,

United States of America: Visits not exceeding three months.

The above-mentioned facilities do not apply to entry into the trusteeship territory of Italian Somaliland, and a visa is therefore required for visitors of every nationality.

LUXEMBOURG

The Government of the Grand Duchy has abolished on a reciprocal basis entry visa formalities for nationals of the following non-Member States:

Spain: (visas abolished for holders of diplomatic passports)

Israel: (visas abolished for holders of diplomatic and service passports)

Japan

Liechtenstein

Monaco

New Zealand

Peru

Portugal and Madeira

San Marino

Switzerland

Tunisia

As a unilateral measure, entry visa formalities have been abolished for nationals of the following non-Member States:

Australia

Brazil

Canada

United States of America

NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands Government has abolished on a reciprocal basis the need for an entry visa for nationals of the following non-Member States:

Chile

Israel (holders of diplomatic and service passports only)

Japan

Liechtenstein

Malaya

Morocco

Monaco

New Zealand

Pakistan

Portugal

San Marino

Spain (holders of diplomatic passports only)

Switzerland

Thailand

Tunisia

The Vatican

The agreements concluded with the following non-Member States are only unilaterally in force for their nationals wishing to enter the Netherlands:

Australia

Brazil

Canada

South Africa

United States

As a unilateral measure the Netherlands Government no longer demands an entry visa from nationals of any State in the Western hemisphere.

NORWAY

Norway has concluded agreements for the abolition of entry visa formalities (visits of less than three months) with the following non-Member States :

Australia

Canada

Chile

Cuba

Japan

Liechtenstein

Monaco

New Zealand

Pakistan

South Africa, Union of

Switzerland

United States of America

An Agreement has also been concluded with regard to several British colonies and overseas territories.

SWEDEN

An entry visa is no longer required for nationals of the following non-Member States:

Australia

Canada

Chile

Cuba

Finland

Japan

Liechtenstein

Mexico

Monaco

San Marino

New Zealand

Pakistan

Portugal

Switzerland

South Africa, Union of.

The Swedish Government has, however, specified that a national of one of the above-mentioned States may enter the country and stay there only if he has a valid visa, should he have previously been expelled or deported from Denmark, Finland or Norway and prohibited from re-entering any of those countries without special authorisation.

TURKEY

The following are the non-member countries of the Council of Europe with which the Turkish Government has concluded agreements for the abolition of entry visas:

1. Agreements on a reciprocal basis:

Finland

Japan

Monaco

Pakistan

Switzerland

2. Agreements on a non-reciprocal basis:

Australia

Canada

United States of America

(Nationals of these countries do not need an entry visa for visits of up to three months).

UNITED KINGDOM

The Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland have agreed to the abolishing of entry visas on a reciprocal basis with the following countries:

Cuba

Finland

Liechtenstein

Monaco

Portugal

San Marino

Switzerland

Visas also have been abolished unilaterally for nationals of the United States of America visiting the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.