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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  
Iraq  
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 and 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.