

No. 7076

**AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRANCE,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, etc.**

**Agreement (with Regulations) between the Member States
of the Council of Europe on the issue to military and
civilian war-disabled of an international book of
vouchers for the repair of prosthetic and orthopaedic
appliances. Done at Paris, on 17 December 1962**

Official texts: English and French.

*Registered on 3 February 1964 by the Council of Europe acting on behalf of the
Contracting Parties, in accordance with Resolution 54 (6) of the Committee
of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted on 3 April 1954.*

**AUTRICHE, BELGIQUE, DANEMARK, FRANCE,
RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE, etc.**

**Accord (avec Règlement) entre les États membres du
Conseil de l'Europe sur l'attribution aux mutilés de
guerre militaires et civils d'un carnet international de
bons de réparation d'appareils de prothèse et d'ortho-
pédie. Fait à Paris, le 17 décembre 1962**

Textes officiels anglais et français.

*Enregistré le 3 février 1964 par le Conseil de l'Europe agissant au nom des Parties
contractantes, conformément à la résolution 54 (6) adoptée le 3 avril 1954 par
le Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe.*

No. 7076. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ON THE ISSUE TO MILITARY AND CIVILIAN WAR-DISABLED OF AN INTERNATIONAL BOOK OF VOUCHERS FOR THE REPAIR OF PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOPAEDIC APPLIANCES. DONE AT PARIS, ON 17 DECEMBER 1962

The signatory Governments of the member States of the Council of Europe,

Considering that the improvement of prosthetic and orthopaedic facilities is an important aspect of social progress in the member States, which according to the Preamble and Article 1 of the Statute of the Council of Europe² is one of the major aims of the Council;

Having regard to the principle of equality as between nationals of different member States in the social and medical field, which has already led to the preparation of the Interim Agreements on Social Security,³ the European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance⁴ as well as the Agreement on the Exchange of War Cripples for purposes of Medical Treatment;⁵

Being desirous of making available to any war-disabled person who is within the purview of the competent organisations of the member States means of securing free of charge the repair of prosthetic or orthopaedic appliances,

Have agreed as follows :

¹ In accordance with article 5 (1), the Agreement came into force in respect of the United Kingdom, France and Belgium on 27 December 1963, one month after the date of deposit of the third instrument of ratification. The instruments of ratification were deposited with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe on the dates indicated :

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	17 October 1963
France	8 November 1963
Belgium	26 November 1963

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 87, p. 103; Vol. 100, p. 302, and Vol. 196, p. 347.

³ European Interim Agreement of 11 December 1953 on social security other than schemes for old age, invalidity and survivors : United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 218, p. 153; Vol. 252, p. 370; Vol. 256, p. 366; Vol. 269, p. 368; Vol. 292, p. 364; Vol. 310, p. 384; Vol. 315, p. 242; Vol. 320, p. 346; Vol. 324, p. 336; Vol. 328, p. 334; Vol. 341, p. 388; Vol. 349, p. 326; Vol. 388, p. 362; Vol. 404, p. 346; Vol. 407, p. 242; Vol. 410, p. 297; Vol. 417, p. 351, and Vol. 420, p. 348; and European Interim Agreement of 11 December 1953 on social security schemes relating to old age, invalidity and survivors : United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 218, p. 211; Vol. 252, p. 382; Vol. 253, p. 368; Vol. 256, p. 366; Vol. 269, p. 372; Vol. 292, p. 366; Vol. 310, p. 388; Vol. 315, p. 243; Vol. 324, p. 336; Vol. 328, p. 335; Vol. 339, p. 402; Vol. 341, p. 388; Vol. 349, p. 330; Vol. 388, p. 364; Vol. 404, p. 346; Vol. 407, p. 243; Vol. 410, p. 298; Vol. 417, p. 352; Vol. 420, p. 349.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 218, p. 255; Vol. 252, p. 390; Vol. 256, p. 366; Vol. 284, p. 378; Vol. 309, p. 371; Vol. 315, p. 244; Vol. 339, p. 404; Vol. 362, p. 336, and Vol. 416, p. 335.

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 250, p. 3; Vol. 266, p. 433; Vol. 314, p. 354; Vol. 340, p. 375, and Vol. 353, p. 370.

Article 1

1. There shall be instituted an international book of vouchers for the repair of prosthetic and orthopaedic appliances, which will be issued solely to military and civilian war-disabled.
2. The book will be issued and used according to the conditions laid down in the Regulations¹ appended to this Agreement.

Article 2

Each Contracting Party undertakes to make the book valid throughout its territory, in respect of both official bodies and private concerns with which it has agreements.

Article 3

The Regulations appended to this Agreement constitute an administrative arrangement and may at any time be amended or supplemented by the Governments of the Parties to this Agreement.

Article 4

1. This Agreement shall be open to signature by the member States of the Council of Europe, who may become Parties to it either by :
 - (a) signature without reservation in respect of ratification or acceptance, or
 - (b) signature with reservation in respect of ratification or acceptance, followed by ratification or acceptance.
2. Instruments of ratification or acceptance shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.

Article 5

1. This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which three member States of the Council shall, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, have signed the Agreement without reservation in respect of ratification or acceptance or shall have deposited their instrument of ratification or acceptance.
2. As regards any member States who shall subsequently sign the Agreement without reservation in respect of ratification or acceptance or who shall ratify or accept it, the Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date of such signature or the date of deposit of the instrument of ratification or acceptance.

¹ See p. 132 of this volume.

Article 6

1. After the entry into force of this Agreement, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe may invite any non-member State to accede to the present Agreement.
2. Such accession shall be effected by depositing with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe an instrument of accession which shall take effect one month after the date of its deposit.

Article 7

1. Any Contracting Party may at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession, specify the territory or territories to which this Agreement shall apply.
2. Any Contracting Party may when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession or at any later date, by declaration addressed to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, extend this Agreement to any other territory or territories specified in the declaration and for whose international relations it is responsible or on whose behalf it is authorised to give undertakings.
3. Any declaration made in pursuance of the preceding paragraph may, in respect of any territory mentioned in such declaration, be withdrawn according to the procedure laid down in Article 8 of this Agreement.

Article 8

1. This Agreement shall remain in force indefinitely.
2. Any Contracting Party may, insofar as it is concerned, denounce this Agreement by means of a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.
3. Such denunciation shall take effect six months after the date of receipt by the Secretary-General of such notification.

Article 9

The Secretary-General of the Council of Europe shall notify the member States of the Council and the Government of any State which has acceded to this Agreement of :

- (a) any signature without reservation in respect of ratification or acceptance;
- (b) any signature with reservation in respect of ratification or acceptance;
- (c) the deposit of any instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession;
- (d) any date of entry into force;
- (e) any amendment to the Regulations made in accordance with Article 3;

- (f) any declaration received in pursuance of the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 7;
- (g) any notification received in pursuance of the provisions of Article 8 and the date on which denunciation takes effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Convention.

DONE at Paris, this 17th day of December 1962 in English and in French, both texts being equally authoritative, in a single copy which shall remain deposited in the archives of the Council of Europe. The Secretary-General shall transmit certified copies to each of the signatory and acceding Governments.